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Bosnia rethink as MPs back force

UN chief calls for troops to pull back

BY JAMES BONE, MARTIN FLETCHER AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE United Nations Secretary-General appeared last night to be preparing to pull troops back from UN "safe areas" in Bosnia-Herzegovina, just as Parliament gave John Major overwhelming support in sending another 6,000 men and heavy weapons to the former Yugoslav republic.

Boutros Boutros Ghali yesterday warned Britain and other countries against using more force in Bosnia, and made clear that if they wanted to take a more robust approach to the Bosnian Serbs, they would have to form a multinational force rather than do it under the UN flag. Dr Boutros Ghali said the UN was "not capable of managing an operation that could involve combat on a considerable scale".

The UN Secretary-General expressed his view forcefully in his delayed report on the future of the UN protection force in Bosnia, and suggested that the force could adopt a more modest role, redeploying peacekeepers out of exposed positions. At the same time, President Clinton indicated that he would consider sending ground forces to Bosnia to help the peacekeepers move to safer positions.

Dr Boutros Ghali's report offers four possible courses of action: withdrawal, maintaining the status quo, to use more force to implement the UN mandate or to revise the mandate to include "only those tasks which a peacekeeping operation can realistically be expected to carry out". He rules out the first two, and appears to favour the fourth, which would involve regrouping the existing forces to "more defensible areas". There were suggestions that that could mean abandoning some of the safe areas.

While Sarajevo would never be left to its fate, Gorazde could be vulnerable and Serb



Boutros Ghali: favours regrouping UN force

troops took advantage of Western indecision to launch an attack there yesterday in one of the fiercest days of fighting since the civil war began three years ago. The 450 mainly British peacekeepers in Gorazde are no longer able to police the heavy weapons exclusion zone around the town or to deter attacks. A UN spokesman said it was almost as if there was no longer a safe area there.

Dr Boutros Ghali yesterday described the existing UN operation as "mission impossible" and recommends that the mandate be revised to something more achievable. UN peacekeepers could continue to maintain a presence in the safe areas, he said, but only after "negotiating appropriate regimes for them, but without any actual or implied commitment to use force to deter attacks against them".

His proposal would effectively end the threat of Nato air strikes to defend civilians in the six "safe areas" set up in 1983 around Sarajevo, Goradze, Srebrenica, Tuzla, Bihac and Zepa. Dr Boutros Ghali explicitly recommends that the UN should use force, including air power, only in self-defence.

He notes that some governments were planning to send further troops to strengthen Unprofor. But he says that if they want to make greater use of force, they should take control of the whole operation themselves by setting up a multinational force. That could have the authority of the Security Council, but should be under the command of one or more of the countries contributing troops, as happened in Somalia and Haiti.

Dr Boutros Ghali's report was published as Parliament united behind John Major's decision to send reinforcements to Bosnia and his determination that the UN should not withdraw for fear of allowing the civil conflict to escalate into a full-scale Balkan war. But he said: "Bosnia is at a turning point. It must be made clear to the parties that, if they turned to all-out war, the protection force would not be equipped to remain. They would be unable to carry out their tasks, and the risks to troops of all nationalities would be unacceptable."

President Clinton also said yesterday that a strengthened peacekeeping force in Bosnia was the best insurance against an even worse humanitarian disaster, and while he would not send troops to join Unprofor, he said Congress should be prepared to send ground forces to help it to regroup.

The Administration has previously insisted that its troops would be used only to help to evacuate the 20,000 peacekeepers or to monitor a peace agreement.

Nato military commanders meanwhile met in Naples yesterday to discuss how to pull out if necessary.

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SIMON WALKER

Ian Maxwell and his American-born wife Laura at the Old Bailey yesterday

Maxwell brothers on trial

BY JON ASHWORTH AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

KEVIN and Ian, the youngest sons of the publishing tycoon Robert Maxwell, went on trial at the Old Bailey yesterday — three-and-a-half years after their father was found dead in the sea off Tenerife. They, and two co-defendants, deny charges of conspiracy to defraud pensioners of about £122 million. The trial is expected to last six months.

Judge Mr Justice Phillips warned the jury of seven women and five men to ignore what he described as "objectionable and unfair" publicity surrounding the case. He urged them to be particularly wary of suggestions that the two brothers were not entitled to legal aid. He said Kevin had been rendered bankrupt by the collapse of the Maxwell empire, and that both he and his brother had shown they were unable to meet the costs of their defence. "There is no justification for the suggestion they should not have been granted legal aid," he said. "In this country we do not have trial by media, we have trial by judge and jury."

The brothers ran a gauntlet of photographers and reporters to reach the courtrooms on Chancery Lane. Ian Maxwell, 38, was accompanied by his American-born wife, Laura. Kevin, 36, arrived, flanked by his solicitors. His wife, Pandora, was not in court.

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All-party support for Major's show of force

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

PARLIAMENT gave its backing to Britain's heightened involvement in the Bosnia crisis after John Major yesterday refused bow to Serb blackmail over the fate of British hostages.

As both Houses were recalled for sombre emergency debates on the war in the former Yugoslavia, Lord Owen, the European Union's mediator there, confirmed in the Lords his intention to resign at the end of this month and voiced fears that UN peacekeepers might have to withdraw by the end of the year. But in the Commons Conservative MPs who favour a United Nations withdrawal contained their misgivings in a determined show of resolve in support of British hostages and forces, soon to be augmented by the sending of the 5,000 men of the Airmobile Brigade.

The Prime Minister was supported across the chamber as he again set his face against the withdrawal of United Nations forces. "Many who would have died are alive today because of that effort. Many alive today would die if that effort were to be ended," he said.

In a passionate speech promising unremitting efforts to secure the release of one RAF and 33 Army hostages, Mr Major was interrupted only once from the Conservative side. Tory MPs with known reservations chose instead to try to intervene during the speech by Tony Blair, the Labour leader, who gave strong endorsement to the decision to bolster British forces.

The Prime Minister won his loudest cheer when Teresa Gorman, his lone Tory questioner, referred to a report that the Serbs would release British hostages if Nato stopped its airstrikes, and asked what was being done to get Nato to give that assurance.

Mr Major retorted that he yielded to no one in his wish to have the troops safely returned "but I am not entering into that sort of blackmailing deal". British officials made plain later that all options remained open, including that of future airstrikes.

As the debate wore on Conservative anxieties surfaced. Sir Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, urged caution and said the "crux of the whole matter" was whether Britain was prepared to go to war.

"Are you prepared to go to war?" he challenged MPs, adding: "The answer is no." Extra efforts should be made to effect a peaceful settlement, he said. The UN would survive a withdrawal if it came to it.

Sir Peter Tapsell, another senior Tory, asked: "Is British foreign policy going to be based on humanitarian considerations so we have to send

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Police attacked with firebombs

Gangs of masked youths attacked police with petrol bombs and stones last night in running battles through the streets of Toxteth, Liverpool. Dozens of officers, some armed and others in riot gear, clashed with the youths when three stolen cars were set alight. The trouble erupted after a brother of a gangland victim was remanded without bail at a magistrates' court on a firearms charge.

Tunnel running out of money

Eurotunnel shares plunged again as its co-chairman Sir Alastair Morton told shareholders that the company would run out of money at the end of October. A tough round of negotiations with the operator's syndicate of 225 banks will get under way in the late summer ..... **Page 26**

Average phone bill to go down by £8

BY ERIC REGULY

BRITISH TELECOM is to cut the average phone bill by another £8 a year when it begins charging for calls by the second and reduces the cost of weekend local calls.

The 4 per cent reduction in call costs was announced on the eve of publication of a Consumers' Association report that claims BT calls cost up to 37 per cent more than those on Mercury. The change from penny-a-minute local calls and charging in fixed units of more than a second will come into effect on June 28 and will cost BT £310 million in a full year.

BT denied that its announcements were timed to pre-empt the Consumers' Association report, which claims that BT customers can save up to £50 a year by switching to a cable telephone service. BT said the cuts would reduce the average residential bill, including rentals, by 3.7 per cent. The average bill for a business customer would come down by about 3.9 per cent, BT said.

The reductions do not go beyond those demanded by Oftel, the telephone industry regulator, they are simply being implemented sooner than had been expected. About £100 million of the cuts were needed to fulfil BT's obligation to reduce the country's collective phone bill by £400 million in the current regulatory year, which ends on July 31. The remaining £210 million represents a large portion of the reductions that BT would have had to make in the following regulatory year.

City beats off small investors' revolt over gas pay rises

BY ERIC REGULY

ANGRY shareholders overwhelmingly voted against the reappointment of four British Gas directors during an ill-tempered five hour meeting in London yesterday.

More than 4,500 small shareholders, and a 30-stone pig, attended the annual general meeting in protest at the large pay rises awarded to executive directors last year. But in spite of the vast majority of those attending voting against the reappointment of four directors including Cedric Brown, the chief executive whose pay rose by 75 per cent to £475,000 last year, proxy votes from institutional investors won the day.

The institutions, holding 97 per cent of the votes, also safeguarded the disputed pay structure by allowing Richard Giordano, the chairman, to block two resolutions aimed at reforming executive pay.

Pay campaigners claimed a moral victory, however. Anne Simpson, managing director of investment consultants PIRC, said the company's annual meeting would prove "a watershed in corporate governance". Shareholders had made it clear that excessive pay rises would cost companies dear, she said.

At the outset, the "watershed" British Gas meeting at London's Docklands had all the makings of carnival. A pink and black sow named Cedric, named for the day in honour of Cedric Brown, was placed in a pen outside the main doors, where he ate from the "trough of privatisation".

While Cedric munched, union members and customers protested in the sun. They chanted "Sack the board, sack the board" as shareholders poured out of buses and trains into the vast London Arena.

Many shareholders were looking for a fight and queued up to register questions at the booths in the cavernous blue hall, commonly used for boxing matches. Patrick Cronin, a jovial Irishman who lives in London, was brutally direct: "Have you ever considered gassing yourself? Another shareholder, angry about Mr Brown's pay rise, said the publicly listed company "appears to be a private dictatorship as far as salaries are concerned".

Mr Giordano's speech, predictably, defended the executive pay packages by saying that a world class company like British Gas needed to pay top salaries to attract the best



Brown: faced the wrath of his small investors

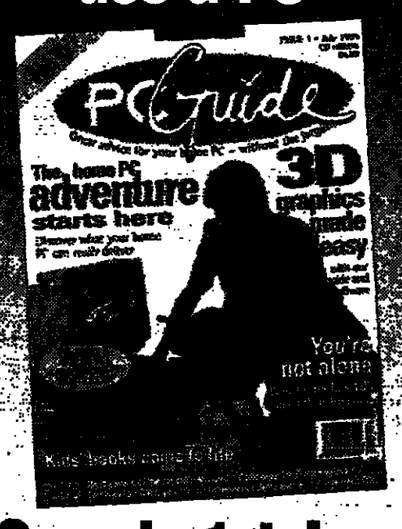
talent. Restructuring such a large company — 25,000 of the 75,000 employees are either gone or going — was also stressful on management.

Mr Brown said later: "I would not say I enjoyed it but it has been an interesting day — part of life's rich experience ... I believe it was a watershed and we must now get on with running the business."

Mr Giordano said it was a "hard day", adding: "I believe today was the lancing of a boil that has been building up for a long time."

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Mutiny in ranks as leaders go to war over Bosnia


Dame Elaine

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

War is no laughing matter, but when MPs wade in — a bunch unable to agree new boundaries in Buckinghamshire, let alone Bosnia-Herzegovina — are we permitted a wry smile?

Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman (C, Lancaster) arrived in what was either camouflage gear, or an attempt to reproduce the markings of the adult female anopheles mosquito. I don't know what this woman does to the Serbs, but by God she terrifies me. John Major delivered his speech in the "Mystic Meg" voice he now reserves for solemn occasions.

Tony Blair drew his remarks from notes riven with crossings-out and little squiggly lines. It sounded as though Opposition policy, too, is riven with crossings-out and little squiggly lines. There was a squeaky protest at the Serbs: "barbarous" (Blair), "despicable" (Major), "a violation of every canon of international law" (Blair).

Sadly, you cannot fire these canons, so Mr Blair was left brandishing the ultimate punishment for Serbia: "exclusion from the international stage".

Paddy Ashdown, in Royal-Marine-speak, on auto-strafe, and holding his notes like a commando on an orienteering course in a force 10 gale, barked "in my judgment" three times, "in my view" four times, "in the final analysis" twice, and appeared to think Britain should prepare for war with Serbia at once, or sooner.

And all three agreed on this: that as they thought sending 5,000 troops to the Balkans was right, everybody else should shut up. The PM told us it was vital the House send out a unified message.

Tony Blair hinted that it would be unpatriotic ("deeply unhelpful") to sour unity. Mr Ashdown wanted "a single, firm and united response from all sides of this House". The Chairman of the Defence Select Committee, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, said it would be "folly to venture a view that reflected differences from that of the Government".

But a number did, and many nearly did. In 1982, when Parliament was recalled on a Saturday morning to discuss the Argentine invasion of the Falklands, the House was united in its resolve. Yesterday was no Falklands Saturday at all, but ambiguous in its mood. The Commons was a reluctant warrior.

On the Tory side, Sir Peter Tapsell, Nicholas Budgen, Teresa Gorman, Edward Leigh, John Townend and Sir Edward Heatha had, by the time I left, expressed doubts or reservations, though some (like Sir Edward) were more mindful than others of the PM's request for an impression of unity.

Many silences, and a few grimaces too, betrayed MPs who had decided to bite their tongues. The Labour benches were surprisingly warlike, but Tony Benn and some of the Left below the gangway dissented.

The afternoon offered one vignette in how — and how not — to recommend a climbdown to MPs. Teresa Gorman suggested we take up the Serbs' offer to release our soldiers in return for an end to bombing. She was roundly booed, and Major called it a surrender to blackmail. Then, to a neutral silence, Ted Heath (Old Bexley & Sidcup) suggested that a third party might broke such an arrangement: the leader, he thought, of "a small state". Old Bexley & Sidcup is about five miles square.

The media will report that yesterday the Commons overwhelmingly backed John Major's latest moves, and so it did. The Chief Whip, however, will have noted that up to a third of the House is waiting for things to go horribly wrong — whereupon they will declare that they were reluctant passengers from the start, but chose not to rock the boat.

Beer cans withdrawn over faulty widgets

A million cans of beer fitted with widgets were withdrawn from sale yesterday after a drinker swallowed a piece of the plastic device added to cans to give a draught-like pint. Carlsberg-Tetley said it had ordered a recall of cans of Tetley, Ansells and Golden Oak bitter and mild after a man in London swallowed a centimetre-square piece of widget. "We have identified the problem as a fault in the packaging process. We estimate it will affect about one in a million cans, but even that is enough for a total recall," a spokesman for the brewer said. Sainsbury has recalled all cans of its Burton Draught Bitter, produced by Carlsberg-Tetley, as a precautionary measure.

Dooley hearing

Wade Dooley, the policeman and former England rugby international, has been charged with a disciplinary offence after being convicted of drink-driving. Dooley, 37, was banned from driving for 18 months and fined £300 after pleading guilty. His case will be heard by Ronald Hadfield, Chief Constable of West Midlands Police, at a date to be fixed.

Hackney review

The new leadership of Hackney Council has launched a systematic review of the files of its 11,000 employees to root out potential job fraud. The council expects the review to take up to four months. Every application form, including those for a change of job within the council, will be checked for consistency. Qualifications will be verified and references tested.

Two still held

Police were granted 36-hour extensions yesterday to continue questioning two men about the abduction and murder of Daniel Handley, the nine-year-old who vanished from his east London home last year. The men aged 32 and 58 were arrested in raids in south London on Tuesday. Daniel's body was found in a shallow grave near Bristol in April.

Brother had gun

The brother of a man shot dead in a Liverpool gang feud was refused bail by Liverpool magistrates yesterday after admitting carrying a Russian-made automatic pistol. After his solicitor asked for reporting restrictions to be lifted, Colin Ungi, 30, whose brother David was killed in Toxteth a month ago, told the court he was in fear for his life.

Leukaemia hope

New research on childhood leukaemia has found no evidence that the cancer is inherited. Scientists examined the medical records of 788 survivors of childhood leukaemia born between 1940 and 1969. None of the 382 children born to them developed cancer. The study was funded by the Cancer Research Campaign and the Leukaemia Research Fund.

Air heroes sale

An autograph book bought at the height of the Battle of Britain and signed by 107 British, American and Commonwealth airmen, many of whom died, is to be sold in London next Tuesday. It was kept by Norman Phillips, a mess steward at RAF Martlesham Heath in Suffolk after a suggestion by Douglas Bader. It is expected to fetch up to £20,000.

First royal visit to Dublin for 84 years

Prince's Irish trip hailed as boost for peace process

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN DUBLIN

THE Prince of Wales arrived in Dublin last night to begin the first official royal visit to the city for 84 years, and the first to the Irish Republic since the country wrested its independence, first from Westminster and ultimately from the British Crown.

Flying in a BAe 146 of RAF Royal Squadron, the Prince landed at Balgonnel military airfield outside the city, heavily guarded by members of the Irish Air Corps equipped with automatic weapons, tanks, armoured cars and advanced radar. Above the aircraft cockpit flew, side-by-side for the first time, the Prince's personal standard and the Irish tricolor.

He was greeted by Dick Spring, the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, and Veronica Sutherland, the British Ambassador, who dropped her handbag in the excitement of greeting the visitor with one hand and holding on to her hat with the other.

Under a heavy sky, the Prince smiled broadly and waved to onlookers. "I've always looked forward to coming here," he told them. "Great fishing weather," they called back. Mr Spring told reporters: "This is a very strong message for the Anglo-Irish peace process. There has been hope in the past that this visit would happen: the fact that it is happening now is something to be celebrated."

British and Irish officials emphasised last night that the historic visit, the first since that of King George V in 1911, was a reflection of the peace process, not an integral part of it. The Prince has long wanted to visit the Republic, but had until now been dissuaded by the British Government.

The Prince's office said yesterday that, since news of the visit had leaked out last month, it had been inundated with invitations and messages of goodwill from the Irish people. But the visit has not met with universal approval: Dublin walls bear hastily printed posters declaring: "No to Para Prince."

Opponents of the visit, calling themselves DART — Dublin Against The Royal Tour — last night staged a demonstration outside one of the republican movement's historic sites, the General Post Office in O'Connell Street. They also handed in a letter of protest at Dublin Castle, where the Prince was dining with John Bruton, the Prime Minister.

The protest group, a loose confederation of Dublin Trades Council and relatives of the 13 people shot by members of the Parachute Regiment on Bloody Sunday in 1972, backed by Sinn Fein and the Labour MP Tony Benn, want the Prince, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Paras, to acknowledge some blame for the shootings.

Des Bonass, co-ordinator of DART, said yesterday that the visit was insensitive and wrong. "We are not saying that Prince Charles is not welcome here as a friend and a tourist. This is not an anti-British campaign; it is against what he stands for and what he represents, as C-in-C of the Paras who have killed 45 people in Ireland."

The Prince was kept well clear of the demonstration, and drove straight to Glencairn, the British Ambassador's official residence outside the city. There he mingled with 800 figures from Irish politics and culture, ambassadors and the British community at a reception to celebrate the Queen's official birthday.

From Glencairn, the Prince's motorcade drove into Dublin where he met Mr Bruton at Government Buildings, once the Royal College of Science, which was opened by George V on his visit. Later Mr Bruton hosted a dinner for the Prince in St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, once the seat of vice-regal power in Ireland. Prince and Taoiseach sat under an 18th-century ceiling painting of King Henry II receiving the submission of the Irish chieftains in 1171.

Irish television yesterday showed the Prince's arrival live, after the final whistle of Ireland's Rugby World Cup rugby match with Japan. On the streets of Dublin, there was an absence of bunting or crowds, although piles of crush barriers had been dumped at strategic locations in the city centre in anticipation of more public interest when the Prince attends engagements in the city today.

Danish prince chooses British bride

A 30-year-old British commoner is to wed Prince Joachim, second son of Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, it was announced yesterday.

Alexandra Manley, a British section head at a Hong Kong investment firm, and the 25-year-old Prince are to be married in Denmark in November. The news came as a surprise to the Danes, who were unaware of the romance between the popular Prince and the economist.

The couple held hands as they were presented to the Danish media in Copenhagen yesterday, the bride-to-be's diamond and ruby engagement ring prominent on her hand. They met in January last year at a drinks party in Hong Kong, when the Prince, second in line to the Danish throne after Crown Prince Frederik, was working for a Danish shipping company.

The prince proposed in January while they were on holiday in the Philippines. The Danish palace announced that Alexandra, a member of the Anglican Church, would convert to the Danish Lutheran Church and apply for Danish citizenship.

The prince and his fiancee left the Danish parliament building by car together with Queen Margrethe and her French-born consort, Prince Henrik, after the engagement was approved at a cabinet meeting chaired by the Queen.

The Danish royal family is far more low key than the British model and contents itself with a minimum of pomp and ceremony.

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Prince Joachim and Miss Manley after the announcement of their engagement

Commons unites behind Major

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armies to all the countries where civil wars break out? What is it about Bosnia that makes it so different from all the others?"

The Prime Minister had confronted the Tory doubters head on. He said the war in Bosnia might not directly by itself affect Britain's interests "but a wider conflagration across the Balkans — leading to a wider Balkan war — would undoubtedly do so.

"The Balkans have often been a tinder box. War memorials throughout the United Kingdom testify to the price paid in British blood for past Balkan turbulence," he said.

Pulling out United Nations peacekeepers would trigger attacks on Muslim enclaves in Bosnia. The loss of life could be enormous. "Could the West stand idly by and let such actions take place in south-eastern Europe? I doubt it, I truly doubt it.

"And would we ignore the threat of an all-out Balkan war? Again, I do not believe we would — or should," Mr Major said.

He called the hostage taking a "despicable act" but gave a clear warning that it might be some time before the hostages were released. "With the lives of British soldiers at stake there will be a need for patience, a time for restraint, perhaps at times a need for silence," he said.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, also backed the Government. Sending more troops was a signal to the Serbs "of the seriousness of our intent" and withdrawal should be "the last option because it is the worst option".

Lord Owen, whose expected resignation had earlier been announced in Paris, was pessimistic about the prospects of peace. Making his maiden speech in the Lords he said: "I do not believe this humanitarian intervention can be extended through a fourth winter and, if there is not a peace settlement by the autumn of this year, then the UN forces, I fear, will be forced to leave."

Mr Major confirmed that the 6,500 British reinforcements, given the job of supporting 3,400 troops already on the ground, would come under the authority of General Rupert Smith, the UN commander in Sarajevo. The first 1,000 troops left for former Yugoslavia on Tuesday and Mr Major said the Airmobile Brigade would follow them unless there was a swift improvement in Bosnia. British officials said later the decision in principle to send them had been taken.

Mr Blair said the international community did not have the easy option of walking away from the conflict. Withdrawal would leave the United Nations "utterly humiliated" and would reward Bosnian Serbs for their action in taking more than 350 UN peacekeepers hostage.

Mr Blair said the nation had throughout history been ready to "lift its eyes to the far horizon" and judge its actions on not only itself but on world events and history.

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Road accident deaths fall to a record low

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

FEWER people died on Britain's roads last year than at any time since the mid-1920s, according to official figures released yesterday.

Statistics from the Department of Transport show a 4 per cent fall in the number of deaths to 3,650 in 1994, compared with 3,814 in 1993, the previous record low year, and 4,886 in 1926, when the figures were first collected.

The decline means that the number of fatalities has more than halved since the post-war peak of almost 8,000 deaths in 1966, despite a doubling in traffic. The all-time high of 9,169 was recorded in 1941 when the use of car headlamps was severely restricted by the war time black out.

Britain has the lowest road death rate in Europe measured by fatalities per 100,000 population and the second lowest, after Norway, according to fatalities per 10,000 vehicles on the road.

However, the improvement in the number of road deaths was overshadowed by a further deterioration in the figures for injuries. The statistics showed that there were 46,531 serious injuries and 265,008 slight injuries last year, both categories increasing by 3 per cent on 1993 levels. The sharpest increase was in child casualties, which rose by 6 per cent, including an 8 per cent rise in deaths and serious injuries. Despite its overall good road safety record Britain has one of the worst child casualty rates in Europe.

PRODUCT RECALL

J SAINSBURY PLC

Following the public recall of all Carlsberg-Tetley Brewing Limited widget beers, Sainsbury's announces the recall of all cans of Sainsbury's Burton Draught Bitter, which is produced by Carlsberg-Tetley for Sainsbury's.

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'Jamie went back to the ship and got Emily off but they were separated in the water'





The *Maria Asumpta*, left, sailing towards disaster. Above, she keels over as she hits a rock and starts rapidly to break up before disappearing beneath the waves

Survivor fought to save shipmates

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT AND RICHARD DUCE

TALES of the heroism of the *Maria Asumpta* crew unfolded yesterday as it emerged that a survivor had fought in vain to save the lives of the two women on board. The oldest operational sail ship was wrecked on rocks near Padstow in Cornwall as it negotiated the treacherous waters. One person died and two are missing believed drowned. Eleven survived.

Jamie Campbell, 23, from Gweek in Cornwall, swam back to the splintering wreck from the safety of the shore in a desperate bid to save Emily Macfarlane, 19, and Anne Taylor, 50, the ship's cook, who were stranded on the boat after deciding they were too weak to swim ashore.

He managed to reach Miss Macfarlane but they became separated in the strong waves and she was swept away. Only two weeks earlier she had rescued a drowning man who had an epileptic fit and fell into the docks at Gloucester where the ship was moored. She heard his cries and hauled him from the water with a tow rope. At the time, she did not think she had been brave, but Mr Marshall said yesterday that he owed her his life. "I never got the chance to thank her. If it had not been for her I would have drowned."

Phillip Chatfield, 36, one of the survivors, said Jamie turned back after seeing the two women on the deck. He said: "Jamie climbed back on to the ship to rescue Emily. He got her off but they were separated in the water. Both women hesitated in getting off because they both had viruses and were not very well."

Mr Chatfield, who was slammed against the rocks by the force of the tide, said: "It was horrendous. It was like being shipwrecked in the last century but instead of being in black and white it was in colour."

Another survivor clung to a splintered piece of wood from the wreck as he waited to be rescued. Benjamin Bowen, 19, another ship's cook, from Yardley Gobion, Northamptonshire, said the boat started to keel over. "Everyone was washed into the sea. The boat simply broke in half. I tried to stay on as long as I could, but within three minutes, the boat was gone," he said.



Jamie Campbell, who tried in vain to save Emily Macfarlane

Miss Macfarlane's mother, Suzie, 41, said that her daughter, who was a bosun's mate, joined the boat on a working holiday after taking a year out from art studies. "She inherited her love of the sea from her father. She was a beautiful person who always cared more for others than herself."

Friends of Mrs Taylor, from Wallingford, Oxfordshire, whose body was recovered on Tuesday, said she had left her secretarial job to join the boat. Her husband died of cancer eight years ago. John Shannon, a 24-year-old engineer, was the third victim.

A renewed search for the two missing crew members continued yesterday but was hampered by "wreckers". Police arrested two people and said they were appalled to find people some armed with chainsaws, trying to salvage artefacts. One man was seen carrying a small cannon away from the wreckage.

The survivors were named as Philip Chatfield, 36, from Swansea; Adam Purser, 46, from Derby; John Howells, 40, the helmsman from Neath, West Glamorgan; Tim Croome, 26, from Somerset; Ben Bowen, 19, from Northamptonshire; Graham McGlaughlin, 26, from Norfolk; Jamie Campbell, 23, from Cornwall; John Bennett, 37, from New Zealand; Nigel Ludlow, 42, from Bath; and Robert Maunder, 31, from Swansea.

An investigation into the tragedy was launched yesterday by the Marine Accident Branch of the Department of Transport.

'Paralysed' Superman actor fights for life

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE actor Christopher Reeve is said by sources at a Virginia hospital to be paralysed from the neck down and fighting for his life. The actor, who starred as Superman in four films, was admitted on Saturday after a riding accident.

Reeve's family have attempted to impose a news blackout on the actor's condition but Arty Pastelnick, a patient who is being treated for emphysema at the University of Virginia Medical Centre, claimed that doctors had told him Reeve had suffered a major neck injury.

The actor was reported to be heavily sedated and breathing with the aid of a respirator. His publicist insisted he was in "serious but stable condition" and hospital officials would say only that the actor was "not critical" and that his condition was unchanged.

US reports, however, suggest his condition may be far more serious and deteriorating. An unidentified nurse told reporters outside the hospital in Charlottesville that Reeve, 42, had broken his neck in "the worst possible place ... and there is every chance he will be paralysed".

Reeve's neck was apparently broken at the highest vertebra at the base of the skull and a blood clot has formed at the back of his neck. The clot is inoperable and could prove fatal, according to a nurse at the hospital who asked not to be identified.



Reeve: competitor

The actor is being treated behind screens in a ward with ten other patients, Mr Pastelnick said. "The doctors are praying for a miracle," the nurse told the *New York Post*. "He's on a respirator. He has a huge swelling pressing on the brain and there is the possibility of blood clots forming on the brain."

Reeve's publicist, Lisa Kasteler, maintained the actor was still conscious and able to speak, but was being kept under "close observation".

The head of neurosurgery at the University of Virginia, Dr John Jane, said: "It is premature to comment on any permanent damage."

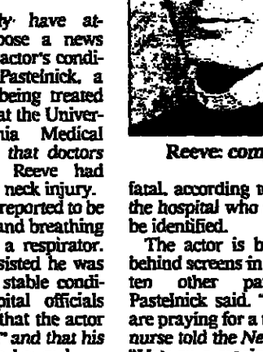
An experienced rider, Mr Reeve was thrown during a show-jumping event in Culpepper, Virginia, and landed on his head. Officials said that he was wearing a protective helmet.

The actor is a regular competitor on the equestrian circuit in Virginia. He played the title role in the 1978 film *Superman* and three sequels. His most recent film is John Carpenter's *Village of the Damned*.

☐ The reported injuries are not unlike those inflicted by the hangman's rope (Dr Thomas Stuttaford writes). Reports suggest that he has broken his neck and damaged the spinal cord at a high level. The closer to the head that the spinal cord is injured, the greater the resulting disability. Reeve's injury has affected the nerves leading to the muscles that control the chest wall so breathing is only possible in a respirator. If the spinal cord has not been completely severed it is possible that when the swelling which always follows an accident has subsided, there may be some small degree of recovery.

He will also be unable to move his limbs, control his bladder or bowels or have any sense of touch. The bleeding into the central nervous system brought on by the injury to his neck has also apparently resulted in damage to the structures at the base of the brain; any extension of these blood clots would be life-threatening.

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Missing drug dog sniffed out by police

BY NICHOLAS WATT

JAKE the labrador, Ireland's most successful sniffer dog, was found yesterday in a disused farm shed. Police feared he was to be killed by suspected drugs dealers.

Officers said that the six-year-old dog was in good condition when they broke into the shed near Bridgetown, Co Wexford, at 2.30am yesterday. It had been abducted from its home near Wexford Town on Saturday.

Jake was reunited with its handler at Wexford police station. Inspector Patrick Delaney, who led the hunt, said: "It was very emotional for the handler. They are inseparable and Jake is treated as one of the family."

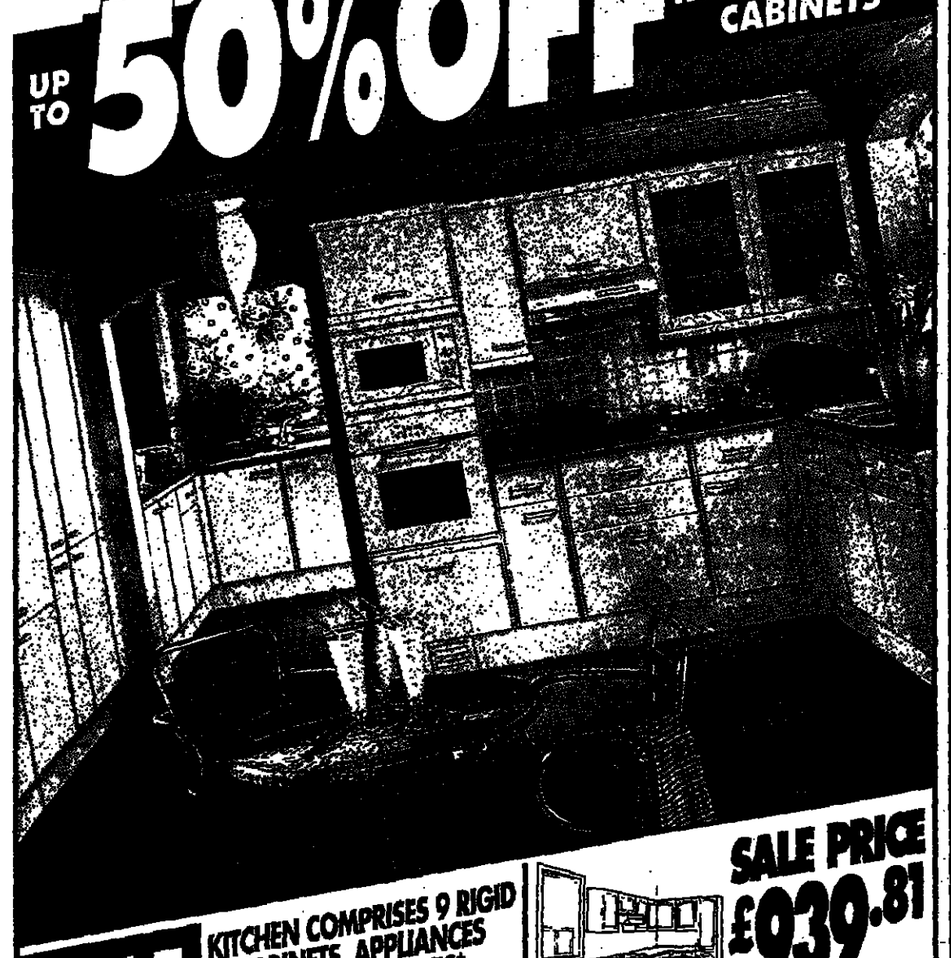
The dog, which has uncovered drugs worth £9 million at Rosslare Harbour, will rest for a few days before returning to work. Inspector Delaney said: "He is a very special dog, an integral part of the fight against the importation of drugs through Rosslare. The thieves intended to do away with him."

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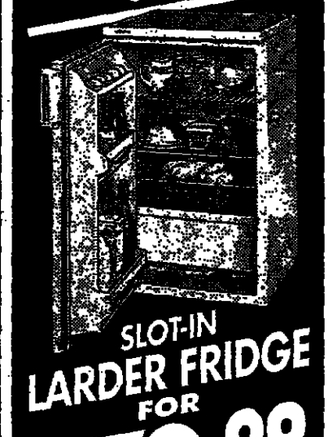
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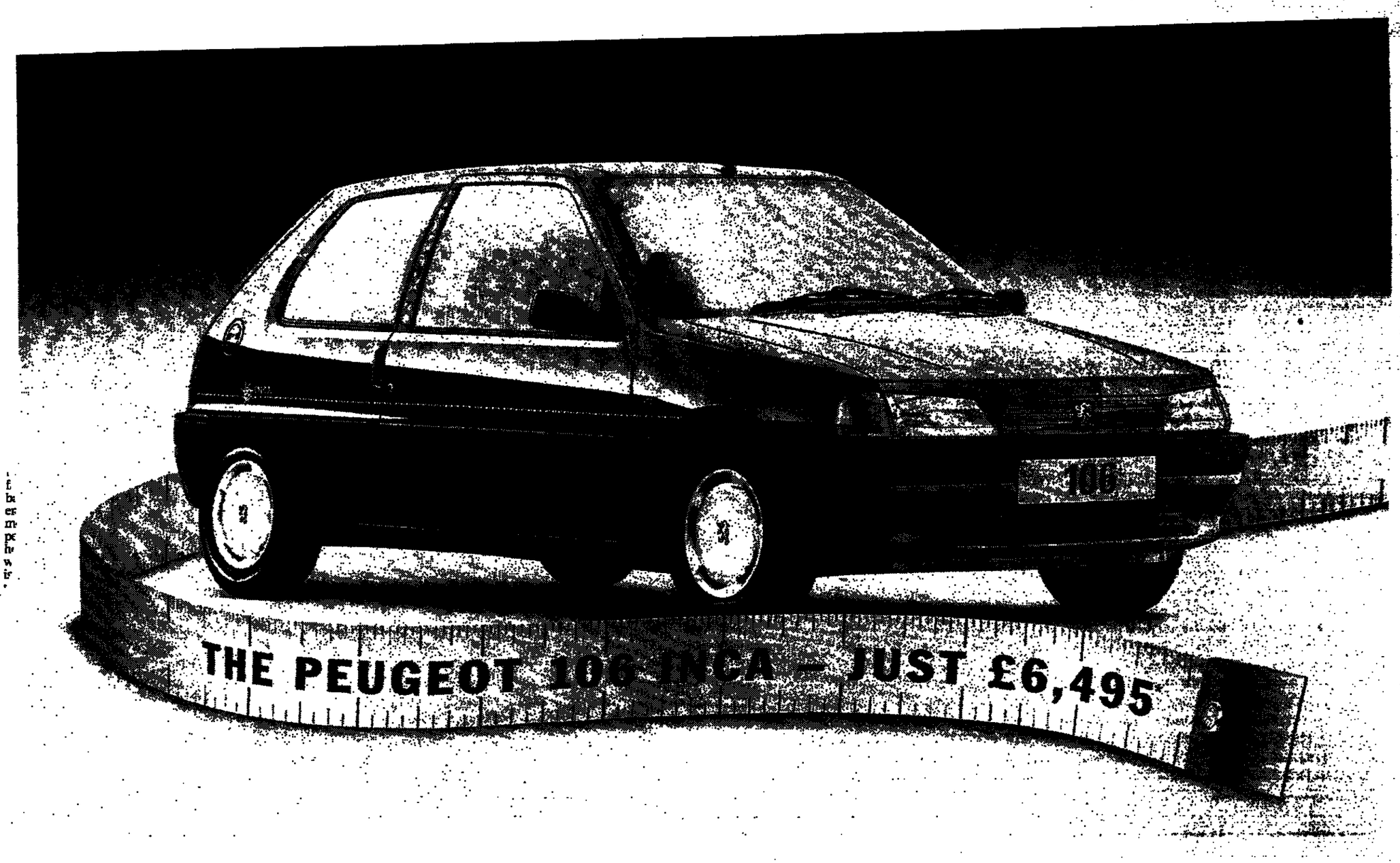
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Eleven youths aged 15 to 21 questioned by police over attack in north London

DPP's husband in stable condition after street stabbing

By Emma Wilkins and Stewart Tendler

BARBARA MILLS, the Director of Public Prosecution, spent yesterday at her husband's bedside as he recovered after being attacked by muggers outside their home on Tuesday evening.

John Mills, 56, was stabbed in the stomach after he parked his Audi car in Camden, north London. Last night he was in a stable condition at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead.

Police recovered a knife and a wallet in the street and are questioning 11 people who are being held at various stations in north London. They include four youths aged 15, five aged 16, one aged 17 and one aged 21.

Mrs Mills, 54, said yesterday: "I would just like to pay tribute to the emergency services which came very quickly last night and were enormously efficient and helpful, and also to the hospital which has been superb. I hope we can now be left in peace." Mr Mills was attacked in Albert Street at about 8pm. He managed to stagger 90 yards up the street to his home, where his wife called an ambulance.



John Mills: stabbed

Josephine Matthews, 47, a former dental nurse, said she heard a noise and ran to the window to see a large gang huddled around Mr Mills, who was bent down with his wallet in one hand. She ran to his house and found him lying in the hall.

"It was horrible to see him like that in broad daylight. There was a mass of blood across his chest and his stomach," she said.

The manager of a corner shop on the road said a group of youths had gone into his shop half an hour before the attack and had bought some sweets and bread. He said: "There was a group of six. They were very quiet and I knew something was up because they appeared to be plotting something as they talked.

"They were aggressive and they worried me. I thought something was up."

The attack shocked local residents. The novelist Beryl Bainbridge, who lives just a few doors from the Mills family, said: "There has never been anything like this before round here. It used to be as safe as houses. I would walk down the street at midnight and feel safe, but I'll have to think twice now."

Albert Street, a wide leafy road, is one of the most sought-after streets in Camden. Its elegant four and five-storey houses regularly sell for more than £400,000.

But five minutes' walk away are the tower blocks of Somers Town, one of north London's most notorious estates. Racial tension runs high and muggings are common.

Mr Mills, former deputy director of the London Docklands Development Corporation, has been married to his wife for 33 years. They have four children. His career has been eclipsed recently by her appointment as the first female Director of Public Prosecutions but he is a powerful political figure in one of London's largest boroughs.

On the night of the attack Mr Mills was returning from a meeting as chairman of Camden's policy and resources committee which controls a multimillion-pound budget.

Respected for his determination and energy, he is credited with improving the council's financial fortunes in recent years. In 1987 Mr Mills left the LDDC after a television programme disclosed he had been fined under the Trades Descriptions Act over a consignment of jewellery.

Three years ago there was an investigation into the use of his basement as an office and the non-payment of business rates.



JOHN CHAPMAN

Barbara Mills, Director of Public Prosecutions, leaving home to visit her husband in hospital yesterday

Poison kills 25,000 trout

By Michael Hornsby

THOUSANDS of brown trout on the Duke of Rutland's Haddon estate in Derbyshire died after cyanide was poured into the water. A £1,000 reward was offered yesterday for information leading to the arrest of the culprits.

The police investigation into the incident, in which 25,000 fish were poisoned with cyanide powder during the nights of May 3 and 4, has so far drawn no leads. John Margesson, agent for the estate, said: "It was a completely mad and senseless killing. We are baffled as to what motive any rational person could have had for such an act."

The cyanide was sprinkled in tanks and ponds in which the trout were being reared for stocking fisheries owned by the estate on the Derwent, Wye and Lathkill rivers. Members of the Darley Dale Fly Fishing Club, which leases fishing rights, have put up part of the reward money.

The NRA initially feared that poison could have escaped, threatening drinking water supplies, but no evidence of downstream pollution was found.

Births to single mothers level out

By Catherine Milton

THE proportion of babies born outside marriage has steadied for the first time in more than 20 years, according to government figures released yesterday.

Unmarried women increased their contribution to the number of babies born every year from 1973 to 1993. But provisional figures from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys show that there was no rise last year.

The report will be welcomed by the Government, which is concerned about the rapid increase in benefits spending on single-parent families. About 8 per cent of single-parent families are headed by single mothers — as opposed to divorcees and widows — compared with 1 per cent in 1971.

The halt in the rising proportion of births to unmarried women comes in the wake of a widely reported debate in 1993 about single-parent families. Last year the Government spent about £15.9 billion on family support benefits of which single-parent families accounted for £9.1 billion.

Male body gives hope on breast cancer

By Kate Alderson

A CHEMICAL found in the male body could help to combat the development of female breast cancer. Medical researchers at Hull University have found that male breast tissue contains a chemical that stops the production of oestrogen, which is believed to be an important factor in the growth and spread of breast cancer.

Oestrogen is the hormone responsible for development of the female body's characteristics. Interleukin 3 stops the production of oestrogen in the male breast area and the researchers believe it may provide clues to drug treatment of breast cancer, the most common cause of death among British women.

Professor Michael White, who is leading the research, said: "This discovery could be very significant in devising a drug for treating patients with breast cancer. This is the first time we have found a naturally occurring substance that blocks oestrogen development." The research is published in the *International Journal of Cancer*.

THE TIMES

An evening with Baroness Thatcher



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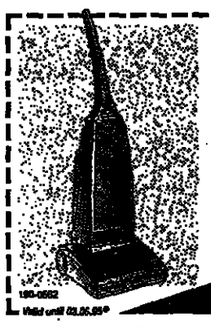
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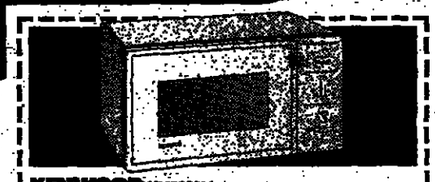
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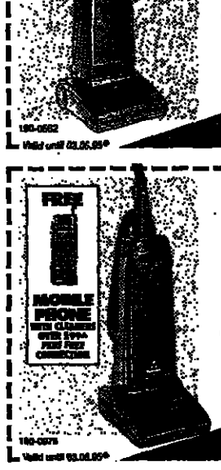
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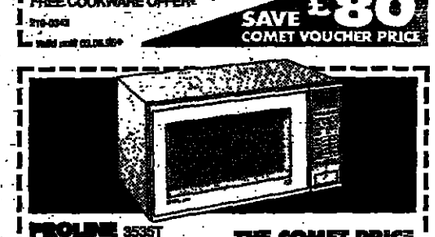
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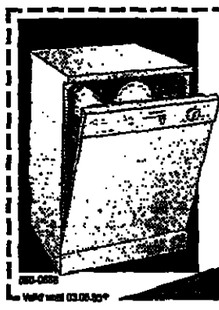
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Brothers are accused of fraudulently using shares to prop up Robert Maxwell's failing companies

Maxwell jury told of 'double take' from pension cash

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL AND JON ASHWORTH

A DOMINEERING Robert Maxwell conspired with his son Kevin to swindle Maxwell pensioners out of shares worth more than £100 million to try to shore up imperilled companies owned by the late media tycoon, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

After Maxwell's mysterious death at sea in November 1991, Kevin and his brother Ian, with two financial executives, used another £22 million of pension fund assets in an effort to pay pressing debts and to save the "desperate" group from collapse.

The allegations were made on the first day of the fraud trial of the Maxwell brothers, which is expected to last six months and to cost the taxpayer more than £10 million.

Mr Justice Phillips warned jurors to disregard previous media comment about the Maxwells receiving legal aid. He said Kevin had been made bankrupt by the collapse of the Maxwell group and he and his brother had satisfied the legal aid authorities that they were unable to meet the high cost of their defence.

The start of the long-awaited trial at Chichester Rents, an annexe of the Old Bailey designed for complicated fraud trials, was delayed for two hours by a series of technical problems. The courtroom is equipped with the most advanced computer equipment used in a British criminal trial, capable of delivering simultaneous onscreen text of the hearing at a hire cost of £2,000 a day, but the sound system failed twice.

The four smartly dressed defendants sat individually with their defence teams, listening intently as Alan Suckling, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury of seven women and five men: "This case concerns the misuse of assets of pension funds."

Kevin Maxwell, 36, denies conspiring between July 3 and November 6, 1991, with his late father to defraud pension scheme trustees and beneficiaries of pension schemes participating in the Common Investment Fund managed by Bishopsgate Investment Management Ltd (BIM). He is said to have dishonestly put at risk 5.4 million shares in the Israeli-owned Scitex Corporation for the purposes of Robert Maxwell Group plc (RMG). The charge specifies that part of the shareholding was deposited with National Westminster Bank to secure RMG overdrafts until it was sold and used to the benefit of RMG.

With his brother Ian Maxwell, 38, and the financial executives Larry Trachtenberg, 42, and Robert Bunn, 47, Kevin also denies a similar conspiracy involving 25.2 million shares in Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, another Israeli company, between November 5 and 21, 1991.

Mr Suckling said: "In the second half of 1991 the group of companies controlled by the late Robert Maxwell were in debt and they were in increasing financial difficulties. They were finding it harder and harder to pay their bills.

"Employees, people working for some of those companies, had over the years contributed savings to occupational pension schemes to provide funds for their old age, and their employers had also contributed. Those savings were held in trust and invested." Investments made by the pension funds for employees were in the two highly successful Israeli companies.

Between July and October 1991, Mr Suckling said, Robert and Kevin Maxwell agreed to use Scitex shares worth £100 million to help companies owned directly or indirectly by Maxwell interests that were in "a perilous position". They used the Scitex shares to meet the debts of the privately owned companies but the pension trustees were never paid for them.

Mr Suckling said: "The prosecution case is that the agreement to use the Scitex shares in this way was dishonest and a fraud on the pensioners."

In November 1991, after the death of Robert Maxwell, who fell from his yacht *Lady Ghislaine* off the Canary Islands, the position of the Maxwell companies was desperate. The four accused allegedly used the £22 million Teva shares belonging to the pension scheme to borrow money fraudulently from the National Westminster Bank to meet their debts and try to save the Maxwell group.

Outlining the roles of the key players, Mr Suckling said Robert Maxwell was a director of most, if not all, of the unlisted and listed companies, including Headington Investments Ltd, Robert Maxwell Group, Maxwell Communication Corporation plc (MCC), Mirror Group Newspapers plc and BIM.

"He was, you may conclude, the driving force, and exercised dominant control over the group and the operation of the pension schemes," Mr Suckling said.

Kevin was a director of a number of companies, including pension funds and BIM. "Although he worked under the dominant control of his father, he was closely involved in the financial affairs of the group. In the second half of 1991 he dealt on a daily basis with the banks who lent to the group," Mr Suckling said. The prosecution case was that "he was the one most responsible for the misuse of pension fund assets".

Ian Maxwell was a director of several companies, pension scheme trusts and BIM. "His principal role was publishing, marketing and sales but he attended certain important meetings of the Robert Maxwell Group and MCC in July and August 1991 and became involved in dealing with the crisis in the financial affairs of the group after Robert Maxwell's death."

Mr Suckling said the directors of London and Bishopsgate Group plc were Robert Maxwell from early 1991 to his death, Kevin and Mr Trachtenberg. Robert Maxwell and Kevin were also directors of the London and Bishopsgate Group subsidiary that dealt with international investment. Mr Bunn was a director of that company, as was Mr Trachtenberg.

Describing the pension fund structure to the jury, Mr Suckling said: "Most of the companies of the Maxwell group operated occupational pension schemes to which employees contributed." The principals were the Mirror Group pension scheme; the Maxwell Communication pension plan; the MCC works pension scheme; and the AGB pension scheme. Others included the Pergamon AGB pension scheme, the Withy Grove pension scheme and the Headington pension plan.

Mr Suckling said contributions to the various pension schemes were held by a trust company, which would take certain measures on behalf of the beneficiaries. There was a separate trustee company for each scheme with its own board of directors.

The MCC pension trustees had Robert Maxwell and his

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Larry Trachtenberg, left, Kevin Maxwell, centre, and Robert Bunn outside the Old Bailey annexe yesterday. The trial is expected to last six months

Count 1

STATEMENT OF OFFENCE

Conspiracy to defraud, contrary to common law

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

Kevin Frances Herbert Maxwell, between July 3 1991 and November 6 1991 conspired with Robert Maxwell to defraud the trustees and beneficiaries of the pension schemes that participated in the Common Investment Fund managed by Bishopsgate Investment Management Limited (BIM) as investment trustee by dishonestly putting at risk 5,400,000 shares in Scitex Corporation Limited (the shareholding), which formed part of the assets of the pension schemes by using them for the purposes of Robert Maxwell Group plc (RMG). This conspiracy is evidenced by the following acts:

(I) In August 1991, depositing part of the shareholding with National Westminster Bank plc and leaving it there to secure overdrafts of RMG with the said bank until the shareholding was sold;

(II) selling the shareholding and applying the proceeds of sale to the benefit of RMG.

Count 2

STATEMENT OF OFFENCE

Conspiracy to defraud, contrary to common law

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

Kevin Frances Herbert Maxwell, Robert Henry Bunn, Larry Steven Trachtenberg and Ian Robert Charles Maxwell, between November 5 and 21 1991, conspired together to defraud the trustees and beneficiaries of the pension schemes that participated in the Common Investment Fund managed by Bishopsgate Investment Management Limited as investment trustee by dishonestly putting at risk 25,196,228 shares in Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited (the shares), which formed part of the assets of the pension schemes by using them for the purposes of the Robert Maxwell Group plc (RMG). This conspiracy is evidenced by the following acts:

(I) granting to National Westminster Bank plc (the bank) a charge over the shares;

(II) delivering the shares to the bank as security for credit facilities granted by the bank to RMG;

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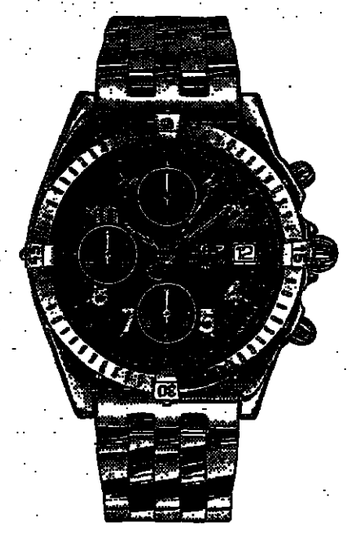
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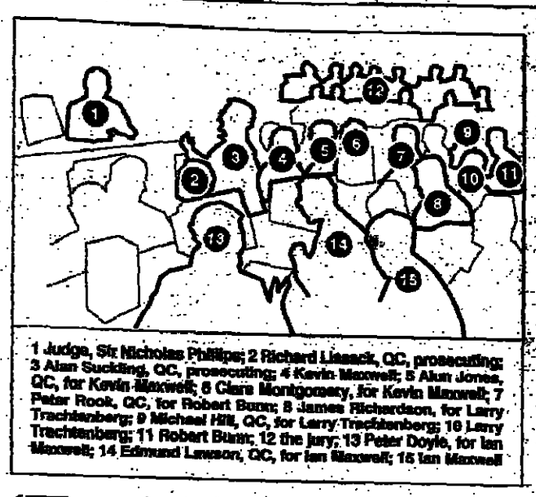
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'Trustees must be honest and fair'

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sons Kevin and Ian variously acting as trustees until the end of 1991. The MCC works pension scheme had Robert Maxwell, both his sons and others as directors. The Mirror Group pension scheme trustees also had Robert Maxwell and his two sons as directors.

Mr Suckling said AGB pension trustees had Robert Maxwell and Kevin as directors. The Withy Grove trustees were dissolved in 1992 but had Robert Maxwell as a director.

The majority of shares were owned by Maxwell interests such as the Maxwell Foundation, Headington Investments, Robert Maxwell Group, as well as a small percentage by Robert Maxwell himself. "So, effectively, Mr Robert Maxwell controlled Maxwell Communication Corporation." Mr Suckling said. Another listed company the jury would be concerned with was Mirror Group Newspapers, 51 per cent of whose shares were again owned by various Maxwell interests. That company had a subsidiary, MGN Ltd, which was a private company that operated various newspapers.

Mr Suckling also went through a number of unlisted companies that were wholly owned by Maxwell interests and were sometimes referred to by bankers and directors in the group as the "private side of the company". One of them was Headington, which was effectively owned and controlled by Robert Maxwell. Its listed directors included him, Kevin and Ian Maxwell and Mr Bunn.

Another of the companies that fell into that category, Mr Suckling said, was RMG, of which Headington was a subsidiary. It owned 100 per cent of the shares in a number of other companies including *The European* newspaper and the *New York Daily News*. Its directors included Robert Maxwell, his two sons and Mr Bunn and Mr Trachtenberg.

Bishopsgate Investment Trust plc, also controlled by Robert Maxwell, provided nominee services — holding shares on behalf of other companies. On the board were Robert, Kevin and Ian Maxwell, and Mr Bunn.

Mr Suckling said that in 1988 it was decided to pool some of the assets of the pension schemes into one fund, the Common Investment Fund. The idea was for the pooled assets to be managed by an investment company, Bishopsgate Investment Management.

All issued shares in BIM were owned by the Maxwell Charitable Trust. This was a UK-registered charity which on November 5, 1991, had Robert, Kevin and Ian Maxwell as trustees together with a former senior partner of Coopers & Lybrand.

Mr Suckling said BIM and the pension schemes had the same auditor as a number of other Maxwell companies, Coopers & Lybrand.

He explained that each of the pension funds transferred assets to BIM to form part of the Common Investment Fund and in exchange received units in proportion to their contribution. BIM was to act as an investment trustee for the assets of the Common Investment Fund held in trust for the beneficiaries.

Mr Suckling told the court: "It is our submission, and a lot of it, you may think, is common sense, that a trustee of pension fund assets must exercise his powers honestly, fairly, for the purpose of the trust and not for any ulterior purpose."

The trial was adjourned until today.

Trial opens, page 1

Fleet Street's finest turn a deaf ear to amplified mutterings of the law



Justice Phillips: silenced

BY JOE JOSEPH

YOU could tell just how deeply the fraud trial of Robert Maxwell's sons had burnt itself on to the nation's consciousness when one of the brothers strolled up Chancery Lane towards the courtroom yesterday morning and a pack of press photographers and TV cameramen immediately began ululating in recognition.

"Kevin! Kevin! This way Kevin," they yelled as a confused Ian Maxwell blinked back at them. To show there was no favouritism, the press yelled "Kevin! Kevin!" once more when the real Kevin walked up to the court, in the company of his solicitor, Monty Raphael.

No doubt Ian and Kevin were relieved to hear Mr Justice Phillips later tell the newly sworn-in jury to ignore anything impish they might have read about the Maxwell family's accountancy skills — the judge clearly being unaware that far from spouting impish innuendo off the top of their heads, many fearless journalists spend several arduous minutes crafting it.

"In this country," the judge said, "we do not have trial by media, we have trial by judge and jury." And yesterday, we very nearly didn't even have that.

To describe as a shambles the first day of what is being billed as Britain's answer to the O. J. Simpson trial — which it might well be if only Kevin or Ian were sports stars or had four million American women aching to sleep with them — would be like saying the late Robert Maxwell was a wee bit plump.

The east, bar judge and jury, had assembled by the agreed hour of 9.30am to hear Kevin and Ian shrug off fraud charges arising out of the collapse of their father's empire. But when, at 9.53am, the time came for the court to rise and hear Mr Justice Phillips's welcoming remarks, a hush fell upon the room — and it continued as he spoke. The judge tapped his microphone but to no avail. The sound system had buckled.

We recessed and resumed at 15-minute intervals as Mr Justice Phillips battled to restore audibility. Had Robert Maxwell been in charge he would probably have sacked 18 courtroom lackeys by now.

When volume threatened to reinvade the court, we discovered that the jury were still at the Old Bailey waiting to be bused over to Chancery Lane.

The jurors finally arrived at 11am. But 21 minutes later, the court rose yet again: the stenographer's verbatim transcript was interfering with the one working microphone, which was also picking up the tap-tap-tap of the stenographer's keystrokes.

After one of Robert Maxwell's one-time editors formally asked the judge for a little more volume, Mr Justice Phillips graciously offered his throat mike to Alan Suckling, QC, who was expounding the prosecution's case. "Can we now turn to pension fund structure," the newly amplified QC said, and the press corps suddenly realised what it had been missing and showed its rekindled interest by slipping, one by one, out of the courtroom.

By one o'clock, with half an hour of the first day's hearings still to go, half those left in the press gallery were reading newspapers or doodling. The lady from the Press Association news agency was scribbling everything down in reliable shorthand. And Tom Bower, Maxwell's biographer, quietly sketched the opening chapter of his book of the trial.

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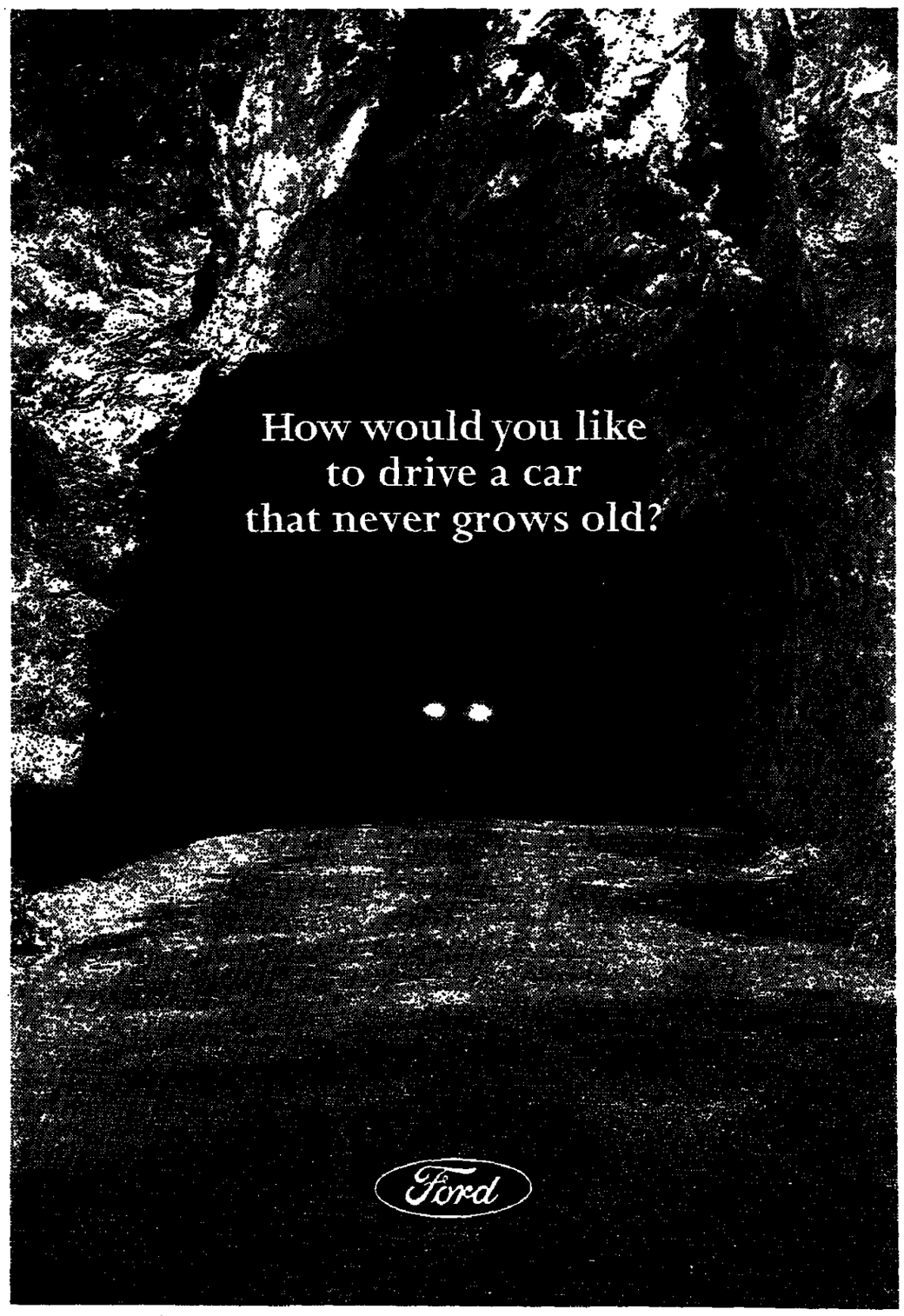
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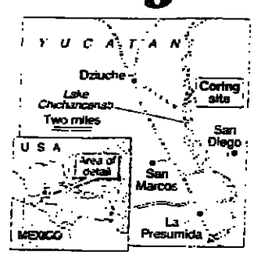
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Scientists blame drought for bringing Central America's Mayan civilisation to its knees

How heat and dust killed a proud jungle empire

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor



THE Maya civilisation, which flourished for more than 2,000 years and then abruptly declined, may have been the victim of climate change.

New research has shown that between 750 and 900 AD, when classical Mayan civilisation wasted away, Central America suffered its driest period for 6,000 years. The elaborate Mayan cities with their large populations could no longer sustain themselves and cultural paralysis set in.

The event has been described as one of the greatest human tragedies but its causes have never been determined. Now three scientists from the University of Florida have provided new evidence to strengthen the hypothesis that drought was a major contributor.

Dr David Hodell, Dr Jason Curtis and Dr Mark Brenner report in *Nature* that they have analysed a sediment core from Lake Chichancanab, in what is now Mexico, to create a continuous record of climate for the past 8,000 years.

They measured oxygen isotopes in the sediments. The water in the lake evaporates rapidly in the dry season, with the water containing the lighter oxygen isotope, oxygen-16, more likely to evaporate than that containing the heavier oxygen-18. As a result, the ratio of these two isotopes provides an indication of whether rain or evaporation predominated at any point in the past. Shellfish in the lake created the calcium carbonate for their shells from oxygen in the water. Records of oxygen isotope abundance are recorded in the sediment, which consist of the remains of these creatures.

While the evidence of drought from Lake Chichancanab is not in itself sufficient to prove the case, the Florida scientists say that it is supported by evidence of low lake levels in Mexico at the same time and of forest fires in Costa Rica.

Mayan civilisation began about 1,500 BC but the culture that produced the great monuments emerged about 250 AD. At its height it consisted of more than 40 cities and the population may have been two million. The cities, which included Tikal, were magnificently built and included temples and pyramids. The Mayans also developed a form of writing which has now been deciphered. After about 800 AD, however, a decline began. The last dated monuments correspond to 889 but soon after that whole regions were abandoned. The Maya were not under external threat nor is there any evidence of peasant revolts.

The evidence is that many of the people simply went elsewhere, leaving the jungle to grow over their great cities. By the time Spanish conquerors arrived in the early 16th century, little of the glory was left. It was not until this century that archaeological excavation revealed the full extent of classical Maya civilisation.

The mystery, says Dr Jeremy Sabloff of the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Philadelphia, is how a culture that had overcome numerous problems and reached population levels far above those in the same area today ultimately failed.

The findings could have a modern relevance. He asks: "How severe do internal stresses in a civilisation have to become before relatively minor climate shifts can trigger cultural collapse?"

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EUGENE HOSHIKO

A Mayan temple which was discovered last month in the Honduran jungle

130,000 'in deep trouble' on home loans

By Ian Murray
Community Correspondent

MORE than 130,000 mortgage borrowers significantly risk losing their homes in the near future, according to Shelter. Repossessions will probably become a well-developed, permanent feature of the housing market, a report by the charity for the homeless says today.

The study found that 250,000 owner-occupiers — one in twenty — owe more than six months' repayments. Only a quarter of these are reducing their arrears and the remaining 188,000 face an increasing risk of losing their homes, including 130,000 in significant difficulty. Although the number in long-term debt fell by 65,620 last year, that was largely because 49,210 properties were repossessed.

Although there has been a big fall in the numbers in long-term arrears since the early 1990s, when one in twelve was in trouble, those now in debt face greater problems in catching up because of negative equity, lower wages and decreasing benefits.

The report blames the Government for backing a home-ownership policy without protecting borrowers from "the vagaries of wider economic policies", such as rising unemployment and increases in interest rates. Low-income borrowers, including those buying council houses at discounted prices, were especially vulnerable.

A borrower interviewed in case studies that accompany the report said: "We did everything we were told to do ... stand on your own two feet ... and now they don't want to know." A mother said: "We've been at the top and all the way down. We don't eat the same. Sometimes we go two or three days without electricity." According to the report: "The reality is that more rather than less social housing provision is now required."

Unemployed borrowers are better off than those with a low-paid job because they can qualify for their repayments to be made in full. But the change from unemployment benefit to the new job-seeker's allowance means that it will be impossible to turn down a job on the ground that an individual will be worse off in work than on the dole.

Further proposed changes in unemployment benefit will mean that a higher proportion are likely to build up arrears so large they will never be able to recover, the report says.

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Census reveals Scottish loners

By A Staff Reporter

THE homes of the six loneliest people in Scotland, who live alone on remote islands, were identified by census officials yesterday.

But officials protected the hermits from unwelcome scrutiny and did not disclose if they were male or female.

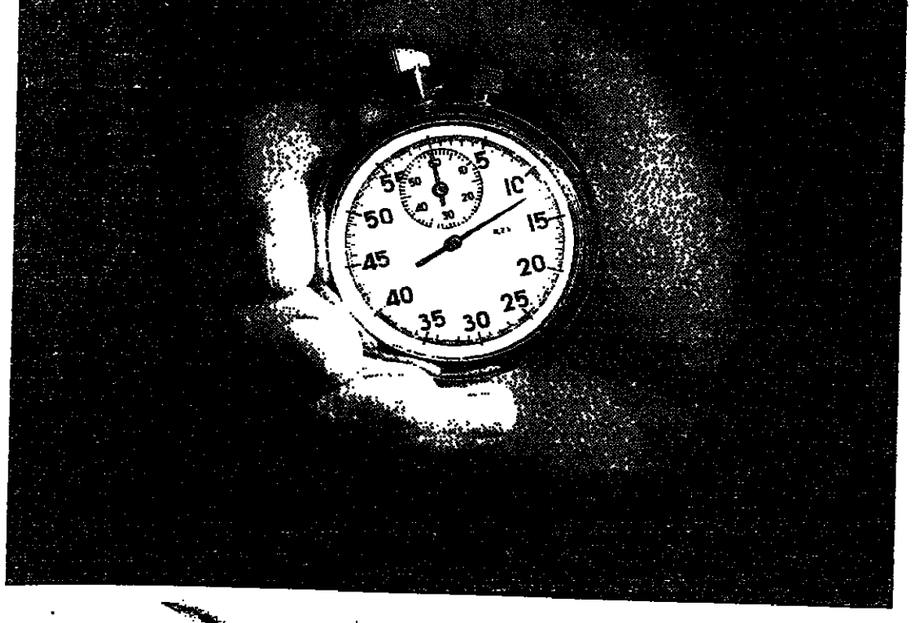
The figures, published in a study of Scotland's inhabited islands, show that some of the single-resident islands were home to small communities only 15 years ago. In 1981, nine people lived on Eilean Tioram off the northeast coast of Skye. Isle Martin, near Ullapool, had two people in 1981 but none in 1961 and 1971. Danna, to the east of Jura, had seven inhabitants in 1981. So had Shuna A, a little further north.

Torsa, a few miles from Shuna A, had no inhabitants in 1981 and 1971, but five in 1961. Vaila, off the Shetland mainland, had nine people in 1961, five in 1971 and none in 1981.

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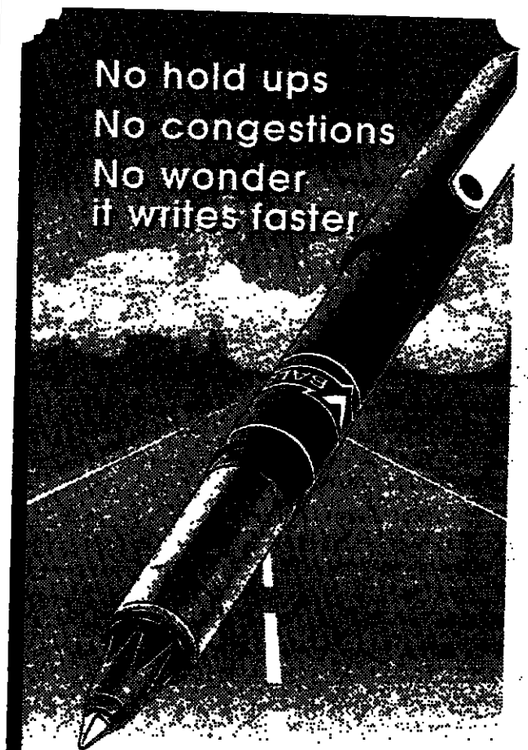
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Fifth of school-leavers lack literacy and maths needed at work

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ONE in five school-leavers lacks the literacy and numeracy skills demanded in the workplace, according to a report published today. Reading standards have barely improved since the end of the Second World War.

The study, for the National Commission on Education, says that although only 1 per cent of school-leavers can be described as illiterate, almost 15 per cent struggle with reading and writing. Twenty per cent have limited numeracy skills.

The findings coincide with Education Department statistics showing that two thirds of young people reach the end of compulsory schooling without achieving good GCSE passes in English, mathematics and a science. Only 31 per cent of pupils gained a grade from A to C in all three subjects last summer.

The proportion of the age group gaining such grades in these subjects as well as a modern language was 28 per cent of girls and 20 per cent of boys. Today's report, by academics from the National Foundation for Educational Research, says that reading standards among children aged 10, 11, 15 and 16 have changed little since 1945, apart from slight rises around 1950 and in the 1980s.

Reading standards among children aged six to eight, however, fell slightly in the late 1980s. Standards of writing were remarkably constant, with no overall change over the last decade.

The report, *Standards in Literacy and Numeracy 1948-1994*, says that culturally it has always been more acceptable to be innumerate than illiterate, even though mathematics is reaching more areas of daily life.

It concludes that there is a particularly wide range of performance in mathematics that is already apparent by the time children leave primary school. The bottom 20 per cent of 15 year olds still have a "very limited grasp" of even the most basic mathematical ideas.

The report, based on a review of available evidence and surveys, says that Britain's international performance in mathematics is mixed. Pupils are above average in geometry and statistics, but their number skills lag behind counterparts in most other industrialised countries.

The brightest 17-year-old students were among the highest international scorers in mathematics but below-average, younger pupils did less well than in many other developed countries.

The report argues, however, that it is difficult to monitor standards over a long period because there is no effective system to do so. "Arguments about standards will continue until such a system is in place. National curriculum assessment is not best suited to monitor national performance."

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, said: "Young people who leave school without the basics will find it much harder to get a job in later years. We must have a crusade to improve the three Rs from the very start of primary school."

ADRIAN BROOKS



Jane Rintoul, 33, principal private secretary to Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, is taking a three-month sabbatical from Whitehall to organise community and conservation work in the Zimbabwe bush

American Indians apply to resume whale hunting

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A TRIBE of American Indians has applied to resume whaling more than 70 years after its government ordered it to stop.

The Makah, whose reservation is at a disused US Army engineering camp at Neah Bay, Washington, told the International Whaling Commission meeting in Dublin that they needed the mammals for tribal ceremonies. They claim that the eastern Pacific population of grey whales, estimated at 22,000, has recovered enough for five to be killed a year.

Pat Manuel, a spokeswoman for the 1,700-strong tribe, said yesterday: "The whale is a symbolic animal for us, like the buffalo is for other tribes." She said the tribe had been keen to resume the tradition since the ban was imposed in 1924. It uses whales for food and to make utensils, clothes and tents.

Native Siberians have also applied to kill a small number of bowhead whales for "cultural purposes" but some conservationists and commission officials are worried that the romantic image of a native Indian, Greenlander or Eskimo, braving the ice and the seas to harpoon a whale for food and clothing, is at odds with the modern reality.

The Inuits of Alaska still use traditional tents on the edge of the ice pack, skin boats and hand-held harpoons but they get to the hunting grounds by snowmobile, pinpoint bowhead whales by satellite and kill them using special explosives in their harpoon guns.

The commission is also concerned at being seen to apply double standards. Japan this week argued that some of its coastal fishing communities had a "cultural tradition" of whaling and should be allowed to take 50 minke whales a year. It argued they should be treated in the same way as the Eskimos and American Indians.

Their proposal was outvoted amid fears that to allow the Japanese that concession could pave the way back to a worldwide resumption of whaling. Under present agreements, only Norway carries out commerical whaling of minkes under a legal objection to the whaling moratorium.

Heads demand end to meddling by governors

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

HEAD teachers accused political leaders yesterday of encouraging governors to treat them like football managers, prompting a new wave of sackings in state schools.

Dozens of heads have been suspended in the past year, as governing bodies have reacted to the pressures of the educational market. Disputes between heads and governors now account for about half the workload of regional officials in the National Association of Head Teachers.

Delegates to the association's annual conference in Harrogate yesterday demanded the right to manage their schools without interference from lay appointees. They appealed to Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, to define governors' roles and responsibilities more clearly in order to reverse the trend.

David Hart, the association's general secretary, said there was growing evidence of a "suspend first, ask questions afterwards" mentality in schools. Although misconduct or incompetence were the usual charges, a dispute often meant that a head teacher's face did not fit.

"We are reaching the stage where there are governing bodies which think that the easy answer to a school's problems is to change the head, just as the easy answer to pulling a football team up the league is to change the manager," Mr Hart said. "One can hardly blame those governing bodies if the message from both political parties is the same: if a school is of poor quality, sack the senior management."

Ian Bruce, head of Rosemellin County Primary School, in Camborne, Cornwall, said that some head teachers were required to telephone governors each Monday morning to clear the school's programme for the week. He said many governors were not aware of their full responsibilities. If they only happen to support the head teacher when all is well but as soon as something goes wrong they blame the head and disassociate themselves from his or her actions."

Delegates accused the Government of failing to deliver more money for education and making larger classes inevitable. The conference voted unanimously to affirm its "professional view that lower class size is significant in improving educational performance, and is also a major requirement of parents".

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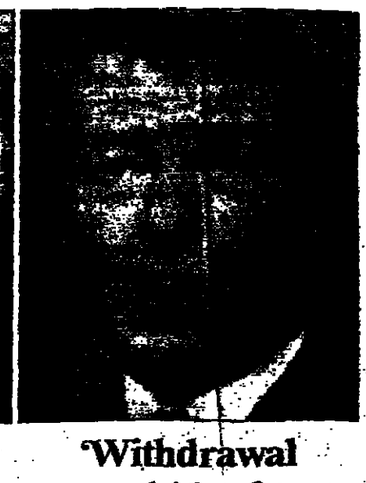
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Prime Minister rules out direct military action to free soldiers taken hostage by Serbs

Major leads MPs in condemning 'despicable' breach of law

By James Landale and Jill Sherman

JOHN MAJOR yesterday condemned the Bosnian Serbs for taking United Nations peacekeepers hostage in the former Yugoslavia but stressed he would refuse to enter into any "blackmailing" deal to secure their safe return.

The Prime Minister said there were clear humanitarian and strategic reasons for UN protection forces (UNPROFOR) to continue their work in Bosnia but warned that they would be withdrawn if the risks became "unacceptable".

He also made clear that UN forces would have the full unqualified backing of the British government for any action taken in justifiable self-defence. He also stressed that only a political solution would end the crisis.

Opening the emergency debate on the Bosnian crisis, Mr Major told a packed House of Commons that the taking of UN hostages was a despicable and outrageous breach of international law.

"It is without a shred of justification," he told MPs. "It will win the Bosnian Serbs no favours and no friends. It will guarantee them unremitting hostility to them and the certainty of pariah status and international isolation."

Teresa Gorman, MP for Billericay, intervened to ask if the Government would agree to the Bosnian Serbs' proposal that the hostages would be released if Nato stopped launching airstrikes.

To loud cheers of support, Mr Major replied: "I yield to no one in my wish to have those troops safely returned but I am not entering into that sort of blackmailing deal!"

However, the Prime Minister hinted there would be no immediate action. "With the lives of British soldiers at stake, there will be a need for patience, a need for restraint, perhaps at times a need for silence. However, the work to secure their release will be unremitting."

The Prime Minister outlined the new British forces and material being sent or put on standby for Bosnia and made clear they had two objectives: to protect British troops already on the ground and to provide support for a possible withdrawal.

"Our troops have not gone to Bosnia to wage war," he said. "But even on humanitarian duties we have seen they need protection. If they are attacked, they must be able to defend themselves robustly."

Mr Major said that the situation in Bosnia was now "tense and dangerous" and had reached a turning point. "It must be made clear to the parties that if they turned to all-out war, Unprofor could not remain. It would be unable to carry out its tasks and the risks would be unacceptable. "Withdrawal is not, *not* our objective, but our ability to handle withdrawal if it is forced upon us would undoubtedly be helped by this further deployment."

For the Opposition, **Tony Blair** said Labour fully supported the Government's line. "I believe that the more united we can be in this issue, the better," he told MPs. The Bosnian Serbs had breached "every canon of international law", he said, and "should be in no doubt as to the national sentiments of this House and the British people, should any harm come in any way at all to any one of those hostages. We would expect and demand, and would, pursue those responsible without any let or quarter whatever."

Mr Blair supported the Government's decision to send reinforcements to Bosnia but emphasised that there should be a clear chain of command with clear rules of engagement. "I believe that talk of withdrawal in Bosnia in response to the taking of hostages is deeply unhelpful at this time," he said. "It is hardly a message of firm resolve in what is effectively an act of coercive blackmail.

While he could understand the view that British lives were being putting at risk in a war that was distant and opaque, he said Britain had a firm responsibility to be involved.

Intervening, **Sir Peter Tapsell**, Tory MP for Lindsey East, said there were numerous civil wars going on around the world and asked if it was to be British foreign policy send armies to all of them.

Mr Blair said that was not a compelling case for leaving Bosnia: "This is a conflict that was here in Europe, a conflict whose consequences could have spread right into neighbouring European states. We had to make a judgment where our national interest lies, as well as the humanitarian concerns, and that judgment is overwhelmingly in favour of involvement."

Mr Blair said Britain's role was to enforce the UN mandate to facilitate a negotiated settlement without getting involved in open-ended combat. The UN mandate had to be enforced clearly and be backed up with the necessary men and weapons, he said. Safe areas should be demilitarised and tougher sanctions against the Bosnia Serbs enforced.

"But above all, the UN's presence can only act as a platform for a diplomatic peace effort," he said, urging unity in the Contact Group. We should see if out of this fresh crisis, a clearer, firmer strategy can be produced with the political will to achieve it.

"The decisions we take now are of momentous import for the world, its order and stability. Let us make sure that these decisions are the right ones, for we shall live with their consequences."

Paddy Ashdown, Liberal Democrat leader, said Britain's first duty was to secure the release of the British hostages and to respect the decisions of the UN commanders on the ground.

He supported the Government's search for a diplomatic solution to the crisis. Withdrawal, he said, would be the worst option which would lead to a wider Balkan war. "It will be very difficult and extremely costly, almost certainly in lives as well as material. And it would be colluding in the death of the UN as an organisation capable of contributing to world peace."

Mr Ashdown, a former Royal Marine, also called for US troops to be deployed on the ground. "No single act would better show the solidarity of the international community or do more to convince the Bosnian Serbs of the seriousness of the their position, than the commitment of US ground troops to the force in Bosnia."

However, he warned that if the situation deteriorated further, the UN should consider taking sides and enter the war as an active participant. "I hope the steps which are now planned will succeed in avoiding that choice," he said. "But if they do not, we must be clear that it will always be preferable to take sides against agression than it is to run away in the face of it."

Sir Edward Heath, the Father of the House and former Prime Minister, said the debate was simply about whether or not Britain was prepared to go to war. "Are you prepared to go to war?" he asked MPs. "The answer is no."

He attacked Mr Ashdown's demand for a tougher international response to the Bosnian war. He told the Liberal Democrat leader: "What that means is going to war, there is no other interpretation of what you have been saying, and that I cannot accept and nor will, I think, the people of this country accept that."

Tony Benn, Labour MP for Chesterfield, said he would try and force a vote at the end of the debate to oppose the Government. Adjournment debates usually end without a division: "I intend to vote against what the Government has done because I think the policy of the Government endangered the hostages and because the uncertainty of our objectives now could put them into greater danger. I don't think we should give the Goverment a blank cheque to do what it likes with our soldiers in a situation of quite exceptional danger."

David Howell, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, supported the Government's move as a short-term response but called for a regrouping of UN troops and for a partial withdrawal, in the longer term. Conceding that there was no easy solution, he added: "There will be blood and mayhem if we don't act and blood and mayhem if we do."

Mr Howell argued that he would be in favour of a huge military operation to crush the Bosnian Serbs if the will existed. "But I think it is totally unrealistic to talk in such language. We do not have the will power and I doubt if we have the military capacity."

Tom King, the former Defence Secretary also gave his support to the Government's action. He reminded MPs that reports of the Commons debate would no doubt be read with interest by the Serbs. "I have no doubt at all that reports will quickly pass to Pale (the Bosnian Serb capital) as well as to whether the UK stands staunchly behind the Government in the actions it has taken." Mr King warned against "a one-way delivery system" to boost arms in Bosnia. "There will be envious eyes on the 105mm guns," he said, and argued that there should be very clear rules of engagement to ensure that valuable equipment was properly defended.

Sir John Stanley, former Defence Minister, claimed that the massive hostage taking had been tantamount to an "undeclared, declaration of war," against the UN people of in Bosnia.

In the longer term the UN troops should be spread over a smaller geographical area, to decrease their exposure. There should then be a further review to see whether the residual humanitarian role was a viable one, he argued.

Sir John Stanley said withdrawal would lead to a "significant" increase in the death toll.

"If we left Bosnia now we would leave an essentially uncontrolled inferno and no one can say how high the fire would go or how wide," Sir John said.

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Tory chairman of the defence select committee, said everything possible should be done to release the hostages and British troops should stay in Bosnia until their position became intolerable.

He said: "We must take every step, whether it is diplomatic or military, to secure the release of our hostages and also to ensure that no more such hostages can be taken."

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Major: unqualified backing for self-defence

Owen fears slide into warfare

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter

LORD OWEN yesterday addressed his fellow Peers for the first time since becoming the EU peace mediator for the former Yugoslavia and said the Government was right to nearly triple the UK presence of troops in the area.

But speaking in the emergency debate in the House of Lords, the former SDP leader also warned that if there was no peace settlement by the autumn, UN forces might have to withdraw.

Drawing on his three years of experience as EU co-chairman of the international conference on the former Yugoslavia, Lord Owen told Peers in his maiden speech that direct negotiations with the warring factions were the only answer: "Hopefully we will hear a little less from the lap-top bombardiers and a little more of the voice of compromise and reason."

Otherwise, he warned, "I do not believe this humanitarian intervention can be extended through a fourth winter and, if there is not a peace settlement by the autumn of this year, then the UN forces, I fear, will be forced to leave."

Lord Owen said that when he was appointed mediator in August 1992 he had hoped his role would take no more than six months. He was optimistic about broking an early peace but having seen the carnage of Serb shelling in Sarajevo, he soon realised his task would be fraught. "These people I negotiate with out there have taken lying to a new art form, and the scale of atrocities is like nothing I have ever seen."

He confirmed he would be resigning in June and told the Upper House: "In view of the grave situation developing with tragic predictability in Bosnia-Herzegovina, I felt it was right that I should speak in this parliamentary debate."

He told Peers to concentrate on the central question of whether British forces were being sucked into a Balkan war as a combatant, on the back of a UN humanitarian intervention. "Sadly, my answer is that we are, and we need to be very clear about what is involved if we are to go down this route," he said.

"Slowly and inextricably on the ground those who wear the UN blue helmets are being dragged into the conflict between the parties in Bosnia-Herzegovina. We should not be surprised by this trend, given the massive pressures for this to happen but we need to decide for ourselves whether we will allow this to happen."

Lord Owen cited the example of the UN humanitarian mission under America which got sucked into Somalia in 1993 and bogged down in the local conflict.

Lord Owen gave his full backing to John Major: "There is only one way forward in Bosnia-Herzegovina. That is for the UN to be given every possible assistance to sustain its presence on the basis of the impartial application of its humanitarian mission.

Plight of British troops halts hostilities in the House

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

John Major needed to make a strong case for the continued presence of British troops in Bosnia, and he did so in the Commons yesterday. Earlier in the week, there had been signs of growing Tory dissent, from the nationalist right and some usually jingoistic newspapers. But the soundbite rumblings of the studios were generally not repeated in the chamber.

The only Tory MP openly to challenge the Prime Minister was Teresa Gorman, whose typically ill-judged point about promising not to bomb the Bosnian Serbs in return for the release of British hostages was contemptuously brushed aside. Tory doubters like Nicholas Budgen, Iain Duncan-Smith and Sir Peter Tapsell waited to intervene until Tony Blair's strong speech of support for British involvement. Some muted criticisms were expressed later, but while British troops are held captive, nobody is going to be too hostile. The terms of the political debate over Bosnia have, however, changed. In the past, the Government case rested mainly on the humanitarian work of British troops in helping to alleviate suffering. This still applies. Many lives have been, and are being, saved. But that is no longer sufficient given the increased dangers to British troops.

Mr Major yesterday shifted the emphasis more to Britain's national interests. The Bosnian war, he acknowledged, might not directly affect our interests, but "a wider conflagration across the Balkans, leading to a wider Balkan war, would undoubtedly do so". He argued that United Nations involvement had helped contain the conflict to Bosnia, while a wider war could easily have dragged in Albania, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey. Such a conflict would be "disastrous for Europe as a whole. It is unquestionably in our national interest to avert this if we can".

Containment may not produce a lasting solution. But it is better than these alternative outcomes since no one, least of all often vocal American critics, is prepared to commit the troops needed to impose a settlement. Moreover, as Mr Major argued, even if the Government is forced by an all-out war to withdraw troops, that would not end Britain's interest in the conflict. There might be both an overrun of the Moslem enclaves and a danger of a wider war.

These risks do not convince the Tory nationalists who do not believe British national interests are at stake. While admitting that a withdrawal of the UN forces might be followed by bloody fighting, they argue this tribal conflict would sort itself out over time without involving either other European countries or Russia and America.

Mr Major yesterday won some room for manoeuvre, but the support is conditional. Most MPs are prepared to accept Mr Major's appeal for patience, restraint and silence over the British hostages. But these are not indefinite. If the additional troops now being committed are drawn into full-scale fighting, calls for withdrawal will become more insistent.

More striking, however, than the specific points made about Bosnia was the widespread belief that Britain should be involved in such conflicts. This view is shared by the frontbenches and by most MPs—with the exception of the nationalist Tory right and the old Labour left. What Douglas Hurd likes to call "punching above our weight" was yesterday echoed by Mr Blair's talk of a British willingness to lift eyes to far horizons and by Paddy Ashdown's reference to the responsibilities of holding a Security Council seat. The foreign policy establishment need not worry. A belief in Britain's global role is likely to last into the next century.

Peter Riddell

MPs condemn 65% rise for gas regulator



Spottiswoode faces MPs on July 5

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CLARE SPOTTISWOODE, the director-general of Ofgas, is to face tough questioning from an influential committee of MPs over her reported request for a 65 per cent pay rise.

Richard Caborn, Labour chairman of the all-party Commons trade and industry committee, said MPs would ask her to justify her pay claim when she appeared before them on July 5.

Ofgas said Ms Spottiswoode's pay, estimated at £70,000 a year, was negotiated with the Government, but it did not deny that the gas regulator had asked Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, for a pay rise of 65 per cent, which would boost her salary to £110,000.

Labour called on the Prime Minister to publish full details of the pay received by the utility regulators as it condemned Ms Spottiswoode's "sheer effrontery" for asking for an increase significantly above the 3 per cent limit for civil servants.

Brian Wilson, trade and industry spokesman, accused her of joining Cedric Brown, the British Gas chief executive, recently awarded a 75 per cent pay increase, in the "rush for the trough". He argued that privatised utilities had created a small group of people who believed themselves to be completely immune from the pay rules which affected everyone else.

Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, predicted a public outcry over the reported pay claim. "I think people would find it very strange that at a time when nurses are getting less than 3 per cent, a regulator also in the public sector could be asking for something more than 50 per cent," said Mr Brown.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, he questioned whether someone with a 65 per cent pay rise was going to be effective in policing companies which had received 75 per cent rises.

Liz Symons, general secretary of the First Division Association, which represents civil servants, said the timing of the pay claim was unfortunate, but that it was up to ministers to decide if Ms Spottiswoode merited more money. She said that independent bodies had found that senior civil servants were underpaid compared to their counterparts in the private sector.

She pointed out that the most Ms Spottiswoode could expect to earn on her present grading would be £98,000 rather than £110,000.

Ms Spottiswoode is due to appear before the trade and industry select committee next month to discuss the Ofgas annual report.

"Asking for a 65 per cent increase, at this time, is a little naive to say the least," Mr Caborn said. He said that if the Government was to apply a public-sector limit of 3 per cent, set by the Treasury, the regulator should not be treated differently from any other public servant.

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Watchdogs' pay ranges from £70,000 to £130,000

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

CLARE SPOTTISWOODE is head of one of the seven main watchdogs established to regulate privatised industries. Funded by the Treasury, they set price guidelines and other regulations for their industries and are in dialogue with — though they are not, they say, answerable to — the relevant government departments.

The pay of the regulators' director-generals is generally in line with the Grade 2 band of civil service managerial pay which, after a pay review body recommendation in February, was set at between £67,500 and £98,000. Technically, the regulators are not bound to set the pay level of their chiefs within this range but the banding is generally taken as the norm.

Although the Department of Trade and Industry, to whom Ofgas reports, will not confirm the pay level being sought by Ms Spottiswoode, it said she was appointed on a salary of £70,000. The Office of the Rail Regulator pays its regulator John Swift — it does not use the term director-general — £131,000. Mr Swift, a QC, began a five-year contract in late 1993 and heads a staff of 125.

Oftel, the telecoms regulator, was established in 1984 with the Telecommunications Act. The present Oftel incumbent is Don Cruickshank, who earns an estimated £90,000. Oftel has 160 staff and in 1993-94 commanded a budget of £8.6 Oftwat, the Birmingham-based water regulator, will not divulge what Ian Byatt, its director-general, is paid, except to confirm that it is in the broad Grade 2 civil service banding. He heads a staff of 160 and his budget for this year is £8.7 million. Professor Stephen Littlechild, chief at Offer, the electricity regulator, earns between £90,000 and £100,000, according to the annual report, and is head of 222 staff. The newest regulator is Oflot, watchdog of the National Lottery. It pays director-general Peter Davis, with a staff soon to increase from 25 to 40, £80,000.

Labour promises to advise rather than manage industry

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR yesterday pledged to ditch its traditional approach of intervening to control industry as it put forward new proposals to boost private-sector investment.

Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, made clear that a Labour Government would still set tough standards but it would "steer" and advise rather than try to manage and own industry as it had done in the past.

"The role for government will be different from that traditionally conceived in an Old Labour view," said Mr Brown. "Government will be a catalyst, sometimes steering rather than rowing. It will set the rules and standards, not necessarily always provide the services," he said in a speech to businessmen in London. "Our proposals are about good government rather than big government. It is a break from the old view that the only role for Government was as owner and controller and a break from the traditional assumption that everything has to be done by the public sector."

However, Mr Brown warned that he would not let any councils take advantage projects to jeopardise Labour's determination to keep public spending under control. He made clear that all transactions would have to be transparent and councils would not be able to dodge the rules to boost capital spending.

Labour, [illegible] would be [illegible] ensure that the level of debt as a proportion of GDP would remain stable, he said.

"These rules must be applied in a transparent and open manner. Partnerships between public and private must not be seen as a way to dodge these rules, but as a way of encouraging the private sector to raise capital and manage projects, using its own particular skills," he said.

Mr Brown set out a number of new proposals to improve the prospect of joint deals between the public and private sectors. A Labour government would set priorities for public projects, he said.

Confusion and indecision had led to delays that meant Britain lagged embarrassingly behind France in building new track for the high-speed link — problems reflected across a range of essential projects.

It would also be prepared to make a firm financial commitment to individual projects. However, once a deal had been struck there would be no guarantee of further government funding if the project ran into financial difficulties.

In addition, Labour would set up a task force, with members with experience in both the public and private sector, to arrange investment agreements between the two sectors.

Mr Brown also proposes new measures to help the private sector ensure against risk. He suggested that private firms could be allowed to insure with the Government to guard against changes in, for example, health and safety regulations.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Shadow policy: John Prescott, Gordon Brown and Dawn Primarolo during a break in yesterday's conference

Academics warn Blair not to lose sight of socialism

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

TONY BLAIR was warned by senior Labour academics yesterday not to abandon the "socialist heart" of Old Labour in his drive to modernise the party.

Lord Young of Dartington, who drafted the Labour manifesto in 1945, and A.H. Halsey, Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Nuffield College, Oxford, urged the Labour leader to stand up for society's 'disadvantaged and deprived', especially children.

"We do not hold to the tradition of socialism just because it is the tradition, but because if redressing deprivation ceases to be the central issue of politics, the heart and the interest will go out of politics and out of democracy," they said in a monograph called *Family and Community Socialism*, published by the Institute for Public Policy Research yesterday.

"Socialism was — and should in its new form also be — about the need for redistribution from rich to poor."

They said a new Labour Government should clearly set out its priorities to replace old policies that have been abandoned. "To cut out dead wood is the easy part," they said. "To grow new wood is more difficult."

The authors called particularly for the plight of poor children to be addressed, which they said was one of the most serious social problems of our time.

Among a raft of radical proposals, Lord Young, 79, and Professor Halsey, 72, called for child allowances in income support to be doubled to £30 per child and for the introduction of a "parent wage". This would replace income support, be paid to any parent staying at home to look after a child under five, and would not be proportionate to the income of the family's breadwinner.

The authors also said the electoral franchise should be extended, giving an extra proxy vote to parents which they can cast on behalf of their children until they reach voting age.

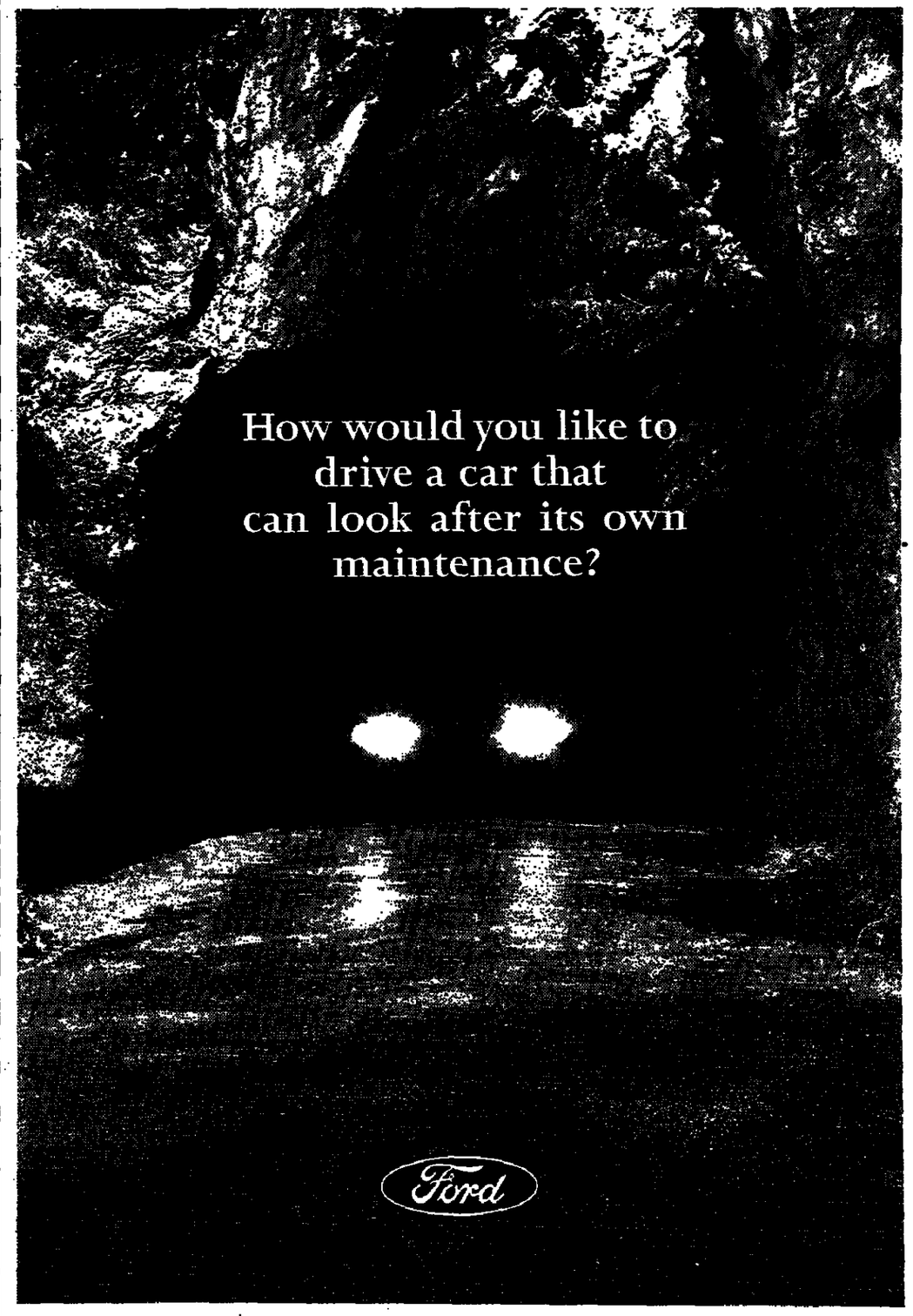
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Britain uses war machine to wage political battle

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Government's response to the Bosnian Serbs' seizure of 33 members of the Royal Welch Fusiliers and one RAF officer as hostages was so dramatic in terms of troop numbers and firepower, it is not surprising that suspicions have been aroused about a possible secret plan to evacuate all the British troops.

However, with demands for tougher and reinforced action against the Bosnian Serbs coming from the five-nation Contact Group in The Hague on Monday and Nato foreign ministers in Noordwijk on Tuesday, it seems clear that withdrawal is not the secret motive behind such large British reinforcements.

For the first time since British troops were sent to Bosnia in November 1992, the Government can justifiably claim that there is a genuine national interest in becoming more involved in the conflict. The taking of 34 British hostages provoked both an emotional and political response from John Major and his Cabinet colleagues.

British defence and diplomatic sources said yesterday that the deployment of more than 6,000 extra troops, equipped with helicopters, artillery and anti-tank weapons, was not driven by a military requirement but by a political desire to show the Serbs that Britain means business.

Although 24 Airmobile Brigade will provide Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the British United Nations commander in Bosnia, with a ready-made "rapid reaction" mobile reserve force, the prime purpose of this deployment is not to help out the UN but to protect British soldiers.

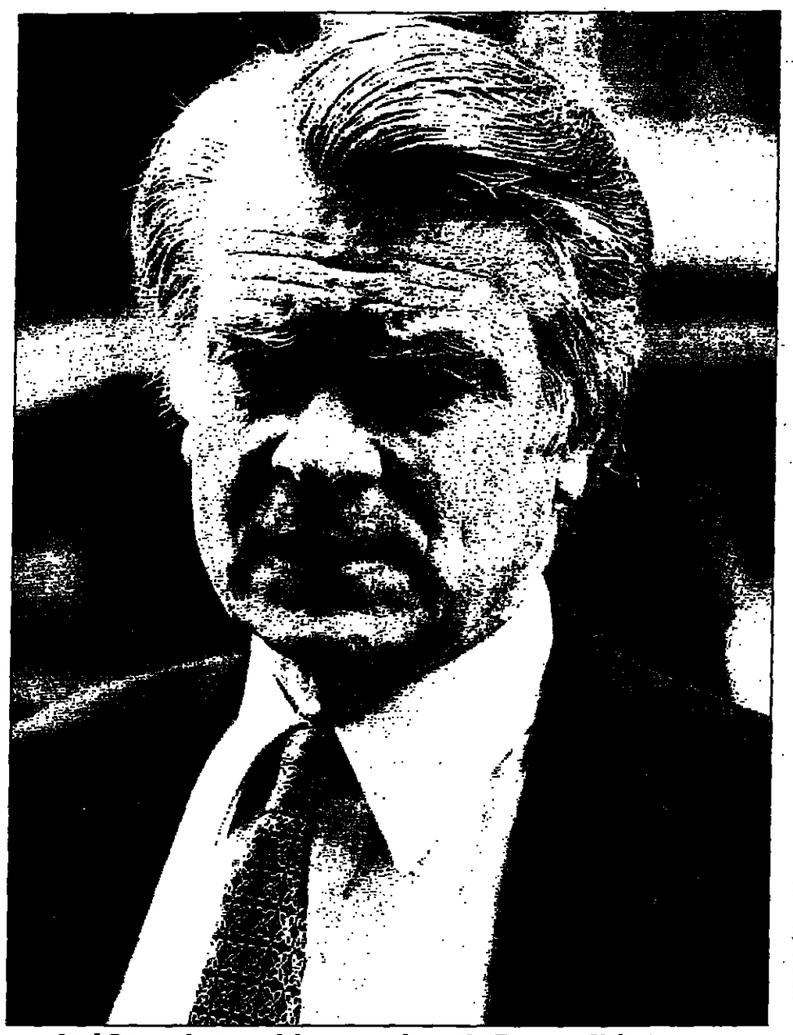
However, while the political signals were being underlined by Mr Major in the Commons yesterday, it remains less clear how the sending of so many extra troops will alleviate the current hostage crisis or ensure total safety for the troops in the future. Indeed, if the Serbs were to react by directly attacking British forces, there is a risk that the Government's decision could lead to more British casualties.

While the Government can expect sympathy and support for wanting to protect the British troops in Bosnia, the fact is that once 24 Airmobile Brigade is deployed, there will be more than 9,000 soldiers in the war zone, vulnerable to Serb gunners and snipers. There may be some Serb warlords spoiling for a fight, even if it means confronting highly trained British troops. After the Prime Minister's Commons statement yesterday, the Serbs know that all the British reinforcements will be under UN command, which means that their response in a confrontation will have to be appropriate as peacekeepers.

Even with 24 105mm artillery pieces at their disposal, the airmobile brigade is not going to be in a position to launch a sustained barrage of shells against the Serbs in retaliation for a minor attack or the taking of more hostages.

In other words, the Serbs will not be facing a new fighting force with orders from London to go on the offensive. The term "rapid reaction force" sounds tough and gives the impression that General Smith will be able to dispatch the heavily armed troops from one hot spot to another. However, under UN command, the brigade will have to act as a peacekeeping force.

If the UN mandate were to be changed the Serbs would have more to fear. Failing that, however tough the British reinforcements may look, the impact in Bosnia itself is going to be more political than military.



Lord Owen, who stepped down yesterday as the European Union's peace negotiator for former Yugoslavia, a post he had held for some three years

Owen comes to the end of a thankless road

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

LORD OWEN, who yesterday resigned as the European Union peace negotiator for former Yugoslavia, has quit one of the world's most thankless and exhausting jobs.

During the three years since his appointment in the summer of 1992, he has made more trips to more towns in Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia than any other statesman grappling with the intractable Balkan conflicts. On several occasions he almost won acceptance for a peace plan that he and Cyrus Vance, the former United Nations negotiator, drew up. Each time, however, it was blocked by the Bosnian Serbs.

In his first year, Lord Owen shuttled to and from Geneva, convening meetings of the leaders of the three warring factions, but they would never commit themselves to any agreement. When he proclaimed a "happy day in the Balkans" after persuading Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, to agree in Athens to the Vance-Owen plan dividing Bosnia into ten semi-autonomous cantons, the Bosnian Serb parliament rejected the deal. This brought him to "within an inch" of resigning, but he was persuaded to stay by President Izetbegovic of Bosnia.

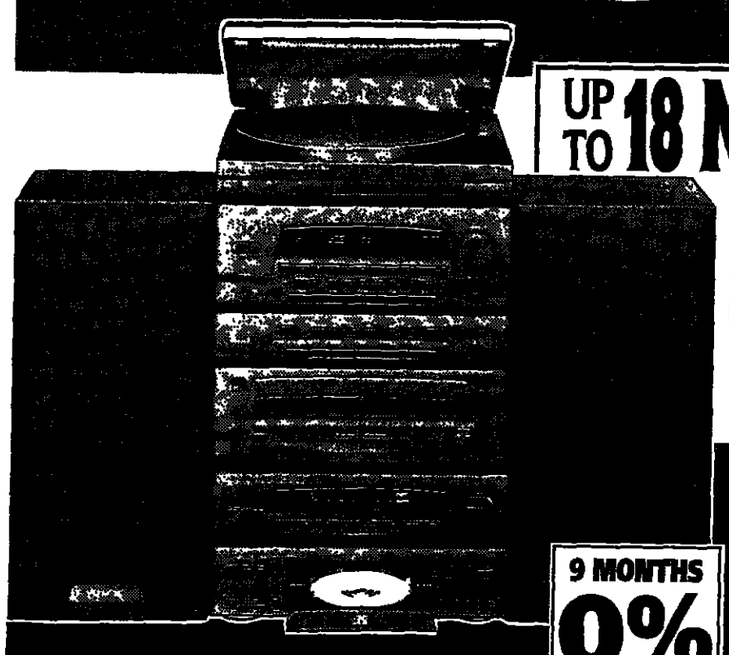
A year after Lord Owen's appointment, Mr Vance, a former American Secretary of State and an old friend, resigned and was succeeded by Thorvald Stoltenberg of Norway. However, both men were overshadowed by the formation of the five-nation Contact Group in March last year. Lord Owen, weary and disillusioned, played an ever less visible role. He told John Major and Douglas Hurd that he would leave at the end of the French presidency of the EU.

Mr Hurd yesterday paid generous tribute to Lord Owen. "He has soaked himself in the detail and mastered all the difficulties. No one could have been more ingenious or have worked harder to show those who are fighting a way out of this tragedy."

Lord Owen retained working relations with all the warring factions although he was increasingly resented by the Bosnian Muslims, who accused him of forcing them to accept humiliating losses. He had the confidence of the European nations but not of the European Parliament, which voted in January last year to dismiss him. He also had poor relations with the incoming Clinton administration, openly criticising Washington's calls to arm the Muslims and bomb the Serbs.

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RAF officer added to list of captives

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ONE more British hostage was added to the list of United Nations personnel being held by the Bosnian Serbs when John Major disclosed in Parliament that an RAF officer was among the 350 or so UN troops detained against their will.

The RAF officer who is serving in Bosnia as a military observer is being held hostage at a Serb base in Blazuj, west of Sarajevo. Of the 33 soldiers from the Royal Welch Fusiliers, eight are being held near Gorazde and 25 in Visegrad: six are in hospital recovering from the injuries received when their Saxon armoured vehicle was involved in an accident while they were being escorted out of Gorazde by the Serbs.

All the British hostages who have remained in radio contact are under orders to treat their captors in as friendly a way as possible and to be co-operative.

The Ministry of Defence said: "They are not prisoners of war because we are not at war with anyone in Bosnia. We are there as peacekeepers. So there is no question of just giving name, rank and number as you would as a prisoner of war under Geneva Convention conditions."

Nor are the men expected to try to escape because of the risk that their Serb captors might open fire.

Every soldier sent to Bosnia receives training on how to conduct himself when dealing with the local militia and if detained by any of the warring parties. Soldiers are told to be fully aware of local sensitivities, a ministry official said.

The following Royal Welch Fusiliers are among those so far confirmed by their families as being held hostage by the Serbs:

Fusilier Adrian Evans, 19, of Llanllyfni, Gwynedd; Fusilier David Jones, 20, of Wrexham, Clwyd; Fusilier Mark Wainwright, 21, of Penley, Broughton, near Wrexham; Fusilier Jonathan Richardson, 21, of Pnisa'r-waun, Gwynedd; Fusilier Lee Jones, 19, of Brymbo, Wrexham; Fusilier Dale Evans, 20, of Ruddlan, Clwyd; Fusilier Justin Morgan, 2, of Bargoed, Mid Glamorgan; Fusilier Karl Frowen, 0, of Rumney, Cardiff; Fusilier Stephen Richards, 2 of Ystrad Mynach, Mid Glamorgan; Fusilier Steve McCabe, 21, of Cardiff; Fusilier Steven Cowap, 17, of Holyhead, Gwynedd; Fusilier Martin Williams, 19 of Holyhead; Corporal David Storey, 28, of Port Talbot, West Glamorgan; Sergeant Nicholas Warren, 28, of Llanedeyrn, Cardiff; Lance Corporal Glyn Scoble, 26, of Llanedeyrn; and Lance Corpoal Lee Rees, 26, of Trimsaran, near Llanelli, Dyfed.

Envoy 'to be Foreign Minister'

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BOSNIA'S charismatic ambassador at the United Nations, Muhamed Sacirbey, whose flair for publicity has often exasperated British officials, is expected to be named as the country's new Foreign Minister.

Mr Sacirbey will replace Irfan Ljubijankic, who was killed when his helicopter was shot down by the Serbs near the Bosnian "safe area" of Bihac on Sunday. Born in Sarajevo in 1956, Mr Sacirbey emigrated to America at the age of 11 when his parents fled Yugoslavia as political refugees. He has worked as a lawyer and an investment banker in New York.

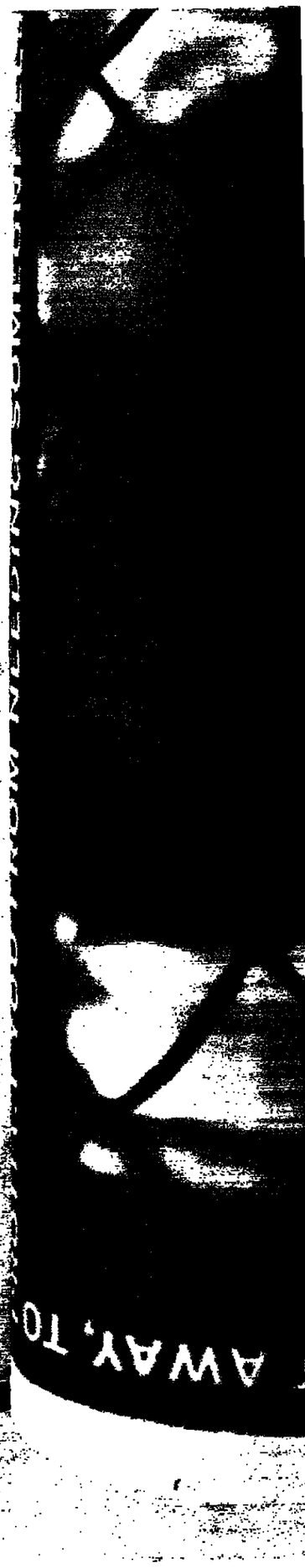
Austria war crimes trial clears Serb

FROM REUTER IN VIENNA

A SALZBURG court acquitted a Bosnian Serb of genocide, murder and arson yesterday in Austria's first war crimes trial involving former Yugoslavia. Dusko Cvjetkovic, 27, had denied any involvement in the sacking of the Bosnian village of Kucice in July 1992.

He was arrested in May last year in Salzburg after being recognised by a Bosnian who claimed he was a killer. A regional court hearing was halted in December when the three judges refused to accept the verdict of the eight-member jury. The Supreme Court then ordered a new trial.

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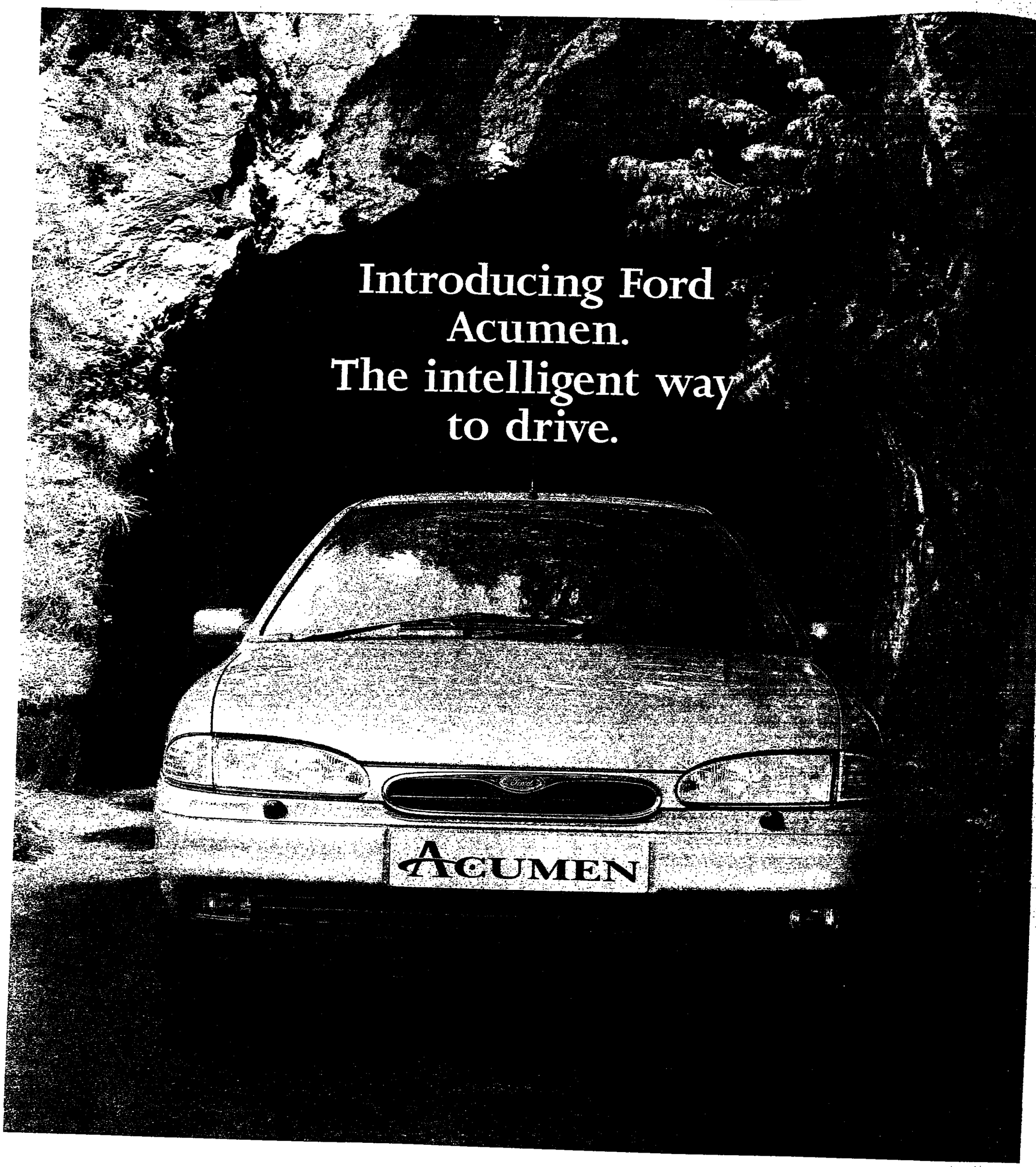
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Serb artillery and infantry attack Gorazde safe area

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

EMBOLDENED by indecision among Western powers, Serb troops attacked the Gorazde "safe area" yesterday, battling with Bosnian government troops and forcing British peacekeepers to their bunkers with mortar bombs.

Serb and government troops were also involved in a brief but fierce battle in Sarajevo, casting a pall over the already faltering United Nations mission.

Reports from Gorazde were sketchy because of the intensity of the fire, a UN spokesman said. By late yesterday officers in Sarajevo knew only that the British unit had spent the day in protected shelters and that mortars were landing "within 50 metres of the camp".

International officials in Gorazde reported to their headquarters that there had been a sharp deterioration in the area and that fighting had been "heavy" on the outskirts of town. The Serbs appeared to be trying to draw their lines closer to populated areas, now about a mile away. The UN said the Serbs were using infantry, artillery and tanks in their push and that the government troops had resisted, relying on infantry and mortars. The Serb attack into the "safe area" highlighted the paralysis of the UN operation and the shortcomings of Britain's attempt to improve protection for its troops in Bosnia. The 350 British and 100 Ukrainian peacekeepers in Gorazde are there to police the Nato heavy weapons exclusion zone around the town and deter attacks on the safe area, neither of which they can do any longer.

The British gun batteries which began arriving in the region on Tuesday are far out of range of the gunners hitting Gorazde — the primary area where Britain's peacekeepers need protection.

UN troops were sent to Gorazde a year ago, after Nato airstrikes and the promise of a wider bombing campaign by alliance jets halted a Serb rout of the pocket's defenders. Observers have long considered Gorazde the most likely flashpoint for a confrontation between government and Serb forces as well as between the Serbs and the West.

"It is surprising that we have avoided a crisis there for so long," one British officer said.

Sarajevo remained largely quiet after an intense, hour-long artillery, tank and mortar battle just before dawn yesterday. The heavy weapons battle was in open defiance of the ultimatum delivered by Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the UN commander in Bosnia, that precipitated the latest stand-off.

Waiting for political direction from New York and Western capitals, the UN command indicated that it was not even considering more airstrikes. The hostage crisis, in its sixth day yesterday, has brought the operation to a virtual halt.

"The exclusion zone around Sarajevo is completely filled with heavy weapons," a senior UN official said. "All of our basic tasks are going unfulfilled now. It is not because of a lack of will from Unprofor, it is because of a sea change induced by the Serbs. Until we get some guidance from above, there's nothing we can do."

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Men of the 19th Regiment Royal Artillery prepare a 105mm gun at their headquarters yesterday before leaving to join other UN forces in Bosnia

British troops go through paces of war

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN VITEZ

THE days when the 1st Battalion The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment were deployed on a variety of confidence-building tasks among the Croat and Muslim populations in the Lasva Valley have ended. Those missions had bored the soldiers as much as they induced trust among the locals.

Now the regiment has been regrouped into battle formation, complete with signals, engineer and medical support. With its Warrior fighting vehicles, it is the most heavily armed and armoured United Nations unit in the whole of former Yugoslavia.

More than 120 armoured vehicles, including 45 Warriors, crowd its base, a former school. They are equipped to move out at short notice, while the soldiers hone their skills through intensive training in assaults, battlefield first aid and mine-clearance.

In nearby Santici, after having left its base in Gornji Vakuf, is a squadron of the Household Cavalry, with an additional 27 armoured vehicles, including 15 Scimitars. As well as the integral small arms of each rifle platoon, the battle group has at its disposal 30mm cannons, 82mm mortars and Milan anti-tank weapons. It can also rely on air support called in by forward air controllers.

With the imminent arrival in Split of a battery of six 105mm light guns from 19 Field Regiment, the battle group could soon have the last component in place. However, the battle formation is more suited to fighting a conventional war than serving the UN's humanitarian mandate, and it is all but inconceivable that they would be used in an offensive capability.

"We are not under any specific orders for any particular operational deployment at this time," said one British Army major yesterday, as the UN command continued to deal with its most immediate crisis — securing the release of the military hostages.

The British withdrawal from far-flung bases to the central Vitez location occurred on Friday as part of an exercise undertaken on the initiative of Lieutenant-Colonel Jeff Cook, the commanding officer. The exercise ended at the weekend, and the troops remain ready for an immediate operational deployment.

Various options are being considered, based on the need of other UN units, but nothing has been confirmed.

The cost of keeping peace in Bosnia

Numbers: The United Nations mission to Bosnia comprises more than 21,000 peacekeepers.

The main contributors are France, with about 3,800 soldiers; Britain, with 3,283, including 1,800 based in the Croatian port of Split; Pakistan, with 2,973; Malaysia, with 1,539; The Netherlands, with 1,485; Turkey, with 1,468; Spain, with 1,402; Bangladesh, with 1,239; Sweden, with 995; and Canada, with 801.

Other nations contributing peacekeeping troops are Ukraine, Russia, Egypt, Denmark, New Zealand, Jordan, Belgium and Norway. Several other nations have contributed unarmed United Nations military observers.

Fatalities: Of the 166 peacekeepers killed in the former Yugoslavia since 1992, 87 have died in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Forty-one have been killed on duty and 46 in accidents in Bosnia. The French have the highest casualty toll, with 39 dead.

Captives: Following last week's Nato airstrikes on Bosnian Serb military targets, about 370 United Nations peacekeepers and unarmed military observers have been detained or are unable to escape cordons formed from units of the Bosnian Serb forces.

France has more than 170 soldiers being held as human shields or encircled by Serbs.

More than 100 Canadian and Ukrainian troops have been taken hostage or are severely restricted in their movements.

Britain has 34 peacekeepers under Serb detention.

In addition to the peacekeepers detained, 33 UN military observers are being held by the Serbs. They include soldiers from Finland, Sweden, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Poland, Spain, Ghana, Nigeria, Nepal and Pakistan.



Why the UN's troops are sitting targets

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

SPORADIC and inconclusive reports on rebel Serb television are the only clues United Nations officials have to the whereabouts of 220 "Blue Helmets" being held by Bosnian Serbs.

"There are some people who we think we know where they are and there are some we don't have a clue about," said Aleksandr Ivanko, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo. The whereabouts of 152 UN soldiers who are held as virtual hostages, surrounded in isolated outposts in Serb territory and menaced by fighters and tanks, are known. In total, peacekeepers are being held in more than 20 locations.

The Bosnian Serbs under the leadership of Radovan Karadzic have offered to release the hostages if the international community pledges to disavow the use of Nato air strikes against them.

But UN officials say that even if such an unlikely step were taken, the Serbs are unlikely to let the UN withdraw its forces from their territory. After earlier hostage crises, the UN and the Serbs came to tacit understandings that peacekeepers would be "freed" as long as a constant level of "Blue Helmets" was maintained on the rebel side of the line: a strategic reserve of hostages that the Serbs have brought into play in the latest stand-off.

UN officers say it is their reliance upon the consent of both parties — the basis of peace-keeping — that has left well-trained soldiers at the mercy of undisciplined Serb fighters. Privately, they blame the Security Council's attempts to make them both peacekeepers and peace-makers. Enforcing the peace in Sarajevo and other "safe areas" with Nato air strikes has pushed the UN mission across the line from neutrals to partisan combatants, if only in the perception of the Serbs.



Karadzic will trade air strikes for hostages

That perception has been enough to precipitate a hostage stand-off that presents the West with perhaps its gravest crisis during the four-year dissolution of Yugoslavia. It is peace-keeping gone awry.

The very nature of the peacekeepers' confidence-building measures has made the Serbian switch to hostility remarkably easy. Some of the Serb troops who abducted British peacekeepers from their observation posts in Gorazde last Sunday had been to the UN positions many times before, as friends. When they came on Sunday afternoon, even suspicious British soldiers could do little to protect themselves and still remain as peacekeepers.

"They had the drop on them," a British helicopter pilot said.

Even police officers are better situated to protect themselves. They have looser restrictions on when they can use force and can act on reasonable suspicion.

"Blue Helmets" cannot: they must wait until they are attacked otherwise, in a war zone, they would quickly become combatants.

It was easy for ill-disciplined Serb fighters to round up UN soldiers — troop positions that make sense from a military perspective make little sense in peace-keeping. The whole point is to be as vulnerable as possible in an effort to bolster trust.

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BY ANTHONY HILL

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Sakhalin anger over unsafe homes

Quake zone fears 'death trap' flats

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN NEFTEGORSK

RUSSIA may be forced to begin a huge rehousing campaign for tens of thousands of inhabitants in the Far East, after this week's earthquake revealed that blocks of flats will become death traps in the likely event of future tremors.

As rescue workers continued their painstaking and increasingly futile search for any sign of human life in the rubble of this town's former residential area, local officials said that many more Russians living in the earthquake-hit Pacific region of Sakhalin were under threat.

"If it was up to me I would move every single person out of this type of building and into new accommodation," said Nail Yarulin, the Mayor of Okha, 60 miles from the site of Sunday's disaster.

The notorious blocks in question are known as the "Khrushchevki", five-storey tenements built as part of a huge housing programme in the 1960s by Nikita Khrushchev, the late Soviet leader. They were constructed at great speed, meeting the Soviet quotas quickly but with little attention paid to safety.

A YOUNG couple, Alexandra and Sergei Rot, trapped by the earthquake, were on the verge of killing themselves when rescue workers finally heard their cries. "Sergei had found a piece of glass and we were going to cut our wrists," said Alexandra, 23. Their nine-month-old daughter was killed. *(Reuter)*

An inspection of the rubble, where two-thirds of Neftegorsk's 3,000 population still lie buried, revealed why the prefabricated buildings buckled. Cement slabs showed clear signs of crumbling over the years, many of the bolts holding the building together were corroded and often thin steel girders, supposed to reinforce the concrete, had turned into a powdery black dust.

"There would not have been any victims if these homes had been built properly," said Ivan Martinov, 72, an injured pensioner, who survived the quake, but lost seven members of his family. "No one had a chance. These buildings were constructed so badly they just crumbled in seconds."

Many locals, however, are sceptical about Moscow's long-term commitment to help a remote corner of Russia on an expensive rehousing programme. "Moscow wants the Far East for its oil, gas, diamonds and timber, but without actually spending money on making sure we live properly," said one official who asked not to be named. His anger is, in part, due to the apprehension that another quake could hit the Pacific coastline, already struck twice this year with deadly results, at Kobe in Japan in January, and now at Neftegorsk.



A rescuer comforts a woman as others attempt to free her leg, trapped under the rubble of a ruined block of flats during Sunday's earthquake in Neftegorsk

Moscow agrees to new security deal with Nato

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

RUSSIA formally agreed to a new security relationship with Nato yesterday that will guarantee consultation on key military and political issues.

However, in agreeing to form a special partnership, Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, warned the alliance to drop proposals to expand its membership to Central and East European countries.

The issue of Nato expansion is crucial to the alliance's strategy for the future but anathema to Moscow, which views such a policy as divisive and a potential threat to Russia's security.

Speaking after meeting Nato foreign ministers at Noordwijk in The Netherlands, Mr Kozyrev said hasty moves towards enlargement could threaten the establishment of "mutually advantageous and constructive" relations between Moscow and the alliance.

However, Mr Kozyrev's warning, one of many emanating from Moscow over the past few months, did not spoil yesterday's historic moment when the Russian Foreign Minister finally announced that Russia would join the Partnership for Peace scheme and he provided a detailed programme of military and political co-operation.

A second document was also approved which lays down a "special relationship" between Nato and Russia. Under this arrangement for "enhanced dialogue", Russia will enjoy special benefits, including political consultation on key issues such as nuclear proliferation. Russia will effectively become an ad hoc member of the alliance but will not have power of veto over Nato decision-making.

Although there was no official signing yesterday, the two new agreements were hailed as a significant step in the new post-Cold War era. Twenty-five other nations, including all of Russia's former allies in the Soviet bloc, have already joined the Partnership for Peace scheme.

Russian general resigns over cuts

FROM TOM DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S most popular general, Aleksandr Lebed, threw down a challenge to Moscow yesterday by announcing that he was resigning as commander of the 14th Army. The move could clear his way to campaign for the presidency next year.

Colonel Mikhail Bergman, his closest aide, said from the 14th Army's headquarters at Tiraspol in Moldavia that the general had handed in his resignation after a tense meeting with Mikhail Kolesnikov, Chief of the General Staff, in which they argued over army cuts. "Lebed reminded Kolesnikov that the State Duma had asked the President not to touch the 14th Army, but Kolesnikov would not budge and Lebed had no choice but to offer his resignation," Colonel Bergman said.

Since, according to opinion polls, General Lebed is the favourite general among soldiers, he could make a strong showing in next June's presidential elections. He has made no secret of his contempt for Russia's top politicians and last month told a Moscow newspaper: "I do not intend to serve under fools and criminals any longer."

Amnesty condemns Iran for killings

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC STAFF

TENS of thousands of suspected government opponents have been executed in Iran in the past 16 years, Amnesty International said in a report denouncing the country's "gross human rights violations".

Iran is also criticised for attempting to hide its "appalling record from outside scrutiny". Amnesty's 17-page report says that political prisoners — most of whom are denied access to lawyers — have spent up to ten years "languishing in jail in appalling conditions before relatives knew where they were".

It cites the case of Abbas Amir Entezam, a former Deputy Prime Minister of the provisional government of Mehdi Bazargan, who was arrested in 1979 and charged with spying for the United States. "I spent 15 months in prison before I was told why," Mr Entezam said in a letter last year. "I was repeatedly beaten ... and a number of times I was told that my execution was imminent."

The allegations were dismissed yesterday by Iran's state news agency, IRNA, which accused the London-based group of being an "American tool".

Chinese dissidents plead for freedom

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

YU ZHIJIAN, a Chinese dissident who said he believed that Mao Tsetung was a criminal and who received a life sentence for throwing eggs at the former leader's portrait in the run-up to the violent suppression of pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square in 1989, appealed yesterday to the Chinese Parliament for his release or better prison conditions.

As Chinese authorities, anxious about possible unrest as the sixth anniversary of the Tiananmen massacre approaches, enforced a security clampdown on the capital, Mr Yu smuggled a handwritten note also signed by 16 other prisoners to the National People's Congress.

Mr Yu defended his act of political dissent, recalling the horrors of the Great Leap Forward in the late 1950s, when millions died of famine, and the 1966-68 Cultural Revolution, now officially described as the "ten years of madness".

☐ Hong Kong: the New York-based human rights organisation, Human Rights Watch Asia, says President Clinton should refuse to visit China until its human rights record improves.

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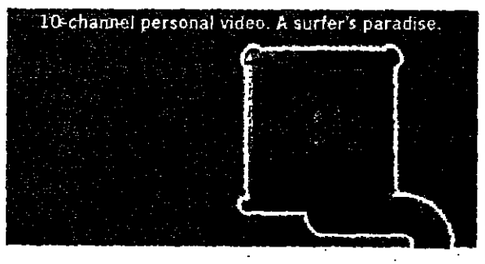
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Waco hearings to focus on role of Attorney-General

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE US Congress begins hearings next month into the Waco siege, amid increasing evidence there were few hard facts to sanction the government raid on the Branch Davidian sect in Texas two years ago. More than 80 members of the cult died in the events surrounding the raid.

Inspired in large part by the Oklahoma City bombing, which took place on the second anniversary of the Waco action and has renewed anti-federalist sentiments over the way it was handled, the hearings will focus on why Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, approved the raid with tanks and CS gas.

Congressional investigators examining the 51-day siege, which ended on April 19, 1993 when a fire killed the cult members, including 24 children, say there is no proof to support FBI claims at the time that youngsters inside the compound were being abused physically and sexually.

Miss Reno, in her first month at the Justice Department, had agreed to the raid mainly because she believed that children were being beaten. "I thought there was evidence of child abuse and got the clear impression that, at some point since the FBI had assumed command and control of the situation, they had learnt that the Branch Davidians were beating babies," she said later. "I now understand that nobody in the bureau told me it was ongoing. We were briefed and I misunderstood."

In fact, the FBI's briefing book, compiled on the final weekend before the raid, mentioned allegations by former members of the cult of child abuse by David Koresh, its leader, and his belief that girls in their teens were "potential wives", but there was no evidence of abuse going on at the time.

Dr Bruce Perry, chief of psychiatry at Texas Children's Hospital and the head of a crisis team that took charge of 21 children released from Waco during the stand-off with federal agents, has concluded in his report that "the children released from Ranch Apocalypse do not appear to have been victims of sexual abuse or of physical abuse severe enough to warrant state intervention".

The hearings in the House of Representatives are to be chaired by Bill McCollum, of Florida, and Bill Zeliff, of New Hampshire, both Republicans who have said they will also review other tactics employed by federal agents, including the firing of hundreds of rounds of tear gas into the camp at Mount Carmel. The wooden structures were filled with gas for six hours before the buildings erupted into flames. The Geneva Conventions prohibit the use of the gas in warfare.

Although the Senate has called for separate hearings, the House Republicans have said they will also investigate other actions by the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, not least the raid on the Idaho home of Randall Weaver, a white separatist, in which three people died.

"Pages of questions have been drawn up on Waco and other areas and the members are looking to get some answers," a congressional staff member said yesterday. "They particularly want to know who told Miss Reno that kids inside the compound were in danger, when and in what circumstances."

Peter Smerick, the FBI's chief criminologist, wrote four memorandums to senior FBI officials during March 1993 warning them that a confrontational approach might incite calls for a mass suicide from Koresh. He says now that agents persuaded him to change his advice on how to resolve the situation and a fifth memorandum included changes that amounted to an endorsement of the raid.

The Justice Department acknowledged this week the importance of the Waco hearings for all concerned. Congress hopes that the truth will be made clear so as to deprive the anti-Government zealots in the militia of their power to recruit converts.



The £630,000 McLaren F1 sportscar, above, is capable of 231mph. Bernhard Pischetsrieder, right, the chief executive of BMW, crashed one at the weekend



BMW boss crashes supercar

A McLAREN F1 supercar, capable of 231mph, has been written off by Bernhard Pischetsrieder, the boss of BMW. The car ended in a ditch. Confirming German newspaper reports, a BMW spokesman said that Herr Pischetsrieder, his wife and a friend escaped with minor injuries from the weekend smash. The accident happened on a remote road 40 miles east of Munich. Herr Pischetsrieder, 47, is known to enjoy a fast drive.

The car, which is built in very small numbers by the British Formula One racing team, McLaren, is powered by a 12-cylinder, 48-valve BMW engine and accelerates from 0-60mph in 3.2 secs, or 0-200mph in 28 secs. It costs £630,000.

A Frankfurt businessman lost control of another F1 as he drove at 170mph along an autobahn last week and hit the central crash barrier.

Outsiders stalk White House

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AT LEAST four prominent Americans are threatening to cause havoc in next year's presidential elections by running as third-party or independent candidates.

Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire, Jesse Jackson, the black civil rights leader, Patrick Buchanan, the conservative commentator, and Lowell Weicker, the former Connecticut Governor, are all saying they may challenge the two main party candidates if the Democrats and Republicans ignore their agendas. There is also speculation that Colin Powell will run as an independent, although the former leader of the American armed forces has said nothing publicly.

Mr Perot won 19 million votes in 1992 and polls indicate that between half and two-thirds of Americans now favour the creation of a third party. Mr Perot, an ardent protectionist, has invited President Clinton and all the Republican candidates to address a national conference of United We Stand America, his pressure group, in Dallas in August. He will then decide whether to convert the group into a fully fledged third party. Mr Perot handed Mr Clinton the White House in 1992 by splitting the Republican vote and the President's advisers are praying that he will run again.

Mr Jackson, who has fought two presidential campaigns, has been threatening all year to run, and at a meeting of his National Rainbow Coalition last weekend angrily accused the Democratic Party of slighting its black supporters. "We do not intend to be ignored, taken for granted, pushed off and exploited any longer," he said.

Whether Mr Jackson is serious remains to be seen. He knows that by depriving Mr Clinton of the black vote he would ensure a Republican White House. However, an increasing number of blacks see little point in continuing to back the Democrats, and believe they could wield more influence by forming their own party.

Mr Buchanan is a Republican candidate, but said last weekend that he might run independently if the party spurned his outright opposition to abortion and extremely conservative social agenda. An estimated 20 per cent of Republican activists are members of the religious Right and no Republican nominee could afford to lose their support.

Mr Weicker, Connecticut's pugnacious independent Governor until his retirement last January, said he might run as an independent because he feels the Republicans, his old party, have moved too far to the right. "If I feel I can contribute to the national debate, I'll do it. I'm not bowled over by the proposition," Mr Weicker, a social liberal, said.

Brussels prepares for ecu lift-off

FROM MICHAEL DYNES IN BRUSSELS

THE introduction of the European single currency will be like launching a rocket into space, the European Commission said yesterday. Once the boosters have been ignited, "there will be no turning back".

Brussels is now more committed than ever to the introduction of the new money, Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, said. Unveiling the Commission's "green paper" on the technical preparations for economic and monetary union, Mr Santer insisted that debate over the name for the new currency should not become an obstacle to its introduction. "We know that by the end of the century Europe will have a single currency. For our part we are sticking to the name ecu," he said.

The "green paper" sets out for the first time the Commission's ideas on how the transition should be handled, and what obstacles need to be tackled. It will be submitted to national governments for their approval at the EU summit in Cannes in June. The document will be accompanied by one of the biggest publicity campaigns yet mounted by Brussels, designed to convince the EU's 370 million citizens that they will be better off with a common currency.

Once a majority of the EU's 15 member states have met a series of national economic targets, monetary union could begin by 1997 and becomes mandatory in 1999 for those countries which meet the targets, excluding Britain and Denmark, which negotiated a single currency opt-out.

Defending the length and complexity of the proposed four-year transition phase, Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the Economic and Monetary Affairs Commissioner, said: "We cannot have too tight a timetable or the rocket will return to Earth without achieving what it set out to do."

William Rees-Mogg, page 20

Cree rapist banished to bleak lake

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

THE centuries-old Cree Indian practice of banishment has been accepted this week as a fitting punishment for a convicted rapist by a Canadian court in Saskatchewan.

William Bruce Taylor, 28, a member of the Lac La Ronge first nations band, will be taken to a heavily wooded, isolated and deserted island in the middle of Lac La Ronge and left there for a year to fend for himself. He will be given snares and fishing equipment and a tent but no firearms and must build his own shelter and feed off the land. He will have a radio in case of an emergency and will be visited every two weeks to make sure he is still there and still alive.

Judge James Milligan, of the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench, accepted the Crees' proposal of banishment as the punishment. Taylor will also be required to serve three years' probation.

Kenya's gamekeeper turns his sights on ruling elite

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

PRESIDENT MOI never sounds more enraged in his vilification of his opponents than when talking about Richard Leakey. But then, the President has never felt as threatened, after 16 years in power, as he has since Dr Leakey and Paul Muite, Kenya's leading human rights lawyer, declared three weeks ago that they were forming an opposition party.

Dr Leakey, a second generation Kenyan, is an acclaimed paleoanthropologist who is credited with turning Kenya's Wildlife Services from a corrupt parastatal into the saviour of East Africa's elephants and rhinoceroses from the poachers' bullets. He and Mr Muite have not yet registered their party, but Kenya's ruling elite has already gone on the attack.

"The crescendo of insult and personal attack, in the past three weeks, would indicate to even the most casual observer that something is happening that has not happened before," Dr Leakey, 50, said yesterday. Dr Leakey, fluent in Swahili and Kikuyu, said that even senior figures of the ruling Kenya African National Union (Kanu) may defect to his party.

His appeal, according to the Kenyan newspaper columnist John Githongo, is that "he is a *mzungu* [white]" and would be unlikely to favour one tribe over another.



Dr Leakey: going into politics

Dr Leakey insists that his main objective is to stop his country from going down the road to ruin. "Corruption, mismanagement and incompetence are all around us," said the wildlife expert who lost both his legs in a plane crash in 1993.

In the short term, Dr Leakey and Mr Muite's main aim is to force constitutional changes that would take the electoral process for the 1997 elections out of the Government's control.

Even if his policies are yet unclear, Mr Githongo says: "At least he doesn't come from any tribe; he has no legs so he can't run away with our money; and if the whites in South Africa can elect a black President than the blacks in Kenya can elect a white one."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Banda too unwell to appear at his trial

Harare: Dr Hastings Banda, the former President of Malawi, is too feeble to appear in court on charges of plotting the assassination of political rivals 12 years ago, but his trial will go ahead without him. He is in his nineties (Jan Raath writes).

In the High Court in Blantyre yesterday, Judge Mackson Mkandawire accepted a medical report that says Dr Banda is not fit enough to appear and will not be able to understand the proceedings or defend himself. But the judge ordered the former leader to be tried in his absence. He set no date for the trial to start.

Israeli brothels

Tel Aviv: An upsurge of prostitution has prompted a Knesset committee, despite religious opposition, to recommend that Tel Aviv should be given Israel's first legalised "red light district".

Poll cancelled

Simferopol: Parliament in Ukrainian Crimea, accepting the Ukrainian authorities' demands, has cancelled a referendum in support of a constitution Kiev had declared separatist. *(Reuter)*

Sentence upheld

Santiago: Chileans cheered after a court upheld prison sentences on two secret police chiefs convicted of the 1976 killing of Orlando Letelier, a foe of Augusto Pinochet, the former dictator. *(AP)*

Child nun dies

Peking: Sherab Ngawang, 15, a Tibetan Buddhist nun who had been imprisoned by the Chinese since she was 12, has died as a result of a beating, the London-based Tibet Information Network said. *(AP)*

Tables turned

Islamabad: A man has asked the Pakistani human rights organisation to help him obtain a divorce because his wife allegedly keeps beating him up when he asks her to cook or clean the house. *(AFP)*

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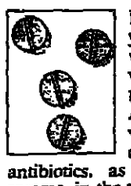
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Antibiotics are back in favour with dermatologists ☐ Hidden dangers of a stabbing ☐ Why a would-be father should quit smoking

Full circle on eczema



MORE than 35 years ago, when I was a houseman working in paediatrics, my chief, Dr Andrew Barlow, would often advocate the use of antibiotics, as well as steroid creams, in the treatment of childhood eczema. The ward round would stop by the cot of some sleepless, tearful toddler who, despite steroids and antipruritic drugs, had been tearing at his or her itching skin until it was raw and bleeding. After an examination and discussion, antibiotics would be prescribed and, amazingly, by the time of the consultant's next ward round two or three days later, the child was often well on the way to recovery.

The practice of medicine never stays still, but it does sometimes go round in circles. *General Practitioner* magazine has recently reported a meeting in London where GPs were advised by specialists in dermatology to treat exacerbations of eczema in children with antibiotics as well as steroids. This opinion was supported by a spokesman of the British Association of Dermatology, and by the chairman of the Primary Care Dermatology Society.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The doctors were told that although childhood eczema might not appear to be infected with bacteria, it usually was, and that toxins produced by those bacteria caused an antigenic reaction which made the rash and skin irritation very much worse.

The bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus*, the organism which is often responsible for the nastier boils and septic spots, could invariably be cultured from weepy, oozing eczema, and also in nine out of ten cases in whom the eczema appeared to be dry. More unexpectedly, the same organism was found living on apparently healthy patches of skin in eight out of ten patients who had eczema elsewhere on their body.

The spokesman for the British Association of Dermatology said that he would welcome greater use of antibiotics, and his association would back GPs prescribing them routinely in cases of eczema.

A spokesman for the National Eczema Society said: "The use of antibiotics is always a decision which should be taken by a doctor. We tend to give more general advice to parents of children with eczema."

She stressed the need to establish a good general skin-care routine, keeping it well hydrated with moisturisers, particularly by adding oils to the bath.

The society also recommends soap substitutes rather than soap for washing; aqueous cream is often found to be adequate when cleaning young children.

Parents are also encouraged to assess the general lifestyle of the household, and to cast a suspicious eye at any furry pets which at best could be a bit of a nuisance. Temperature control too is important: dressing children in layers of cotton rather than in heavier material is a useful trick, because children with eczema readily overheat.

The society supports the use of steroids, but only when the eczema is apparent, and then they should be used with sufficient vigour to keep the eczema at bay. This treatment, too, should be under the direction of the doctor.

● *The National Eczema Society is at 163 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BU*

Deep wound



THE stabbing of John Mills, the husband of the Director of Public Prosecutions, illustrates an early lesson that every medical student learns. It was initially thought by bystanders that Mr Mills's abdominal wound was relatively superficial, but after he had been admitted to hospital the decision was taken to explore it so that its full extent could be assessed.

Stab wounds to the abdomen often appear deceptively trivial, but any knife wound to it other than the merest skin scratch needs examination under an anaesthetic. All too often the weapon has not only penetrated the peritoneum, the sac in which the guts lie, but may also have damaged the organs contained within it.

In either event if the casualty officer only stitches the superficial cut, and leaves the damaged deeper tissues unrepaired, severe infection and peritonitis will certainly follow. Even superficial penetrating wounds need antibiotics, whether they are inflicted by a misdirected garden fork, a dog's tooth or a mugger's knife.

This is not surprising when it is considered that despite the care taken over sterility with a surgeon's scalpel, infection still occasionally occurs. So it follows that trouble is almost inevitable if the instrument which did the damage had been hanging in the garden shed, or resting in a lout's trouser pocket.

Slow sperm



THE troubles which can be caused by women smoking either before or, more particularly, during pregnancy are well known. Babies born to smoking mothers are smaller and frequently fail to catch up after delivery. Smoking is also associated with an increased risk of abortion, stillbirth and neonatal death. Nicotine crosses the placenta barrier and after delivery enters the breast milk; it is also suggested that the children may be less intelligent, but this effect is hard to evaluate as often other sociological factors are present which can confuse the statistics.

The Journal of Andrology has recently reported that the damage done by smoking to men's reproductive capacity may be even more fundamental. Research workers in both Japan and the United States have compared the sperm of smokers and non-smokers. Although they found no difference in the actual sperm counts between the two groups, the quality of the sperm varies appreciably. The sperm of smoking men are more likely to be sluggish and less purposeful in the way they swim, more likely to be abnormal and, presumably as a result, less likely to fertilise an ovum.

The Japanese reported that they have discovered *how* smoking damages the health of sperm — they are adversely affected by cotinine, a breakdown product of nicotine. Nicotine is metabolised in the liver to give rise to cotinine and nicotine-N-oxide; these metabolites are eventually excreted in the urine, but not before they have damaged the sperm.

The victims of their own defences

When the immune system targets healthy cells serious damage can result, says

Dr James Le Fanu

In the three months of the Gulf War, only 271 lives were lost of the 500,000 US troops deployed in Operation Desert Storm. More remarkable, only just over half of these were killed in action, the remainder dying from accidents, firearm injuries, suicides or friendly fire.

Such unintentional casualties during armed conflict are comparable to the damage caused by the group of illnesses known as the autoimmune diseases, where the body's own defence forces — its immune system — inadvertently injure healthy cells.

This analogy between a real-life army and the immune system is quite compelling: both must be prepared for events that may never happen, be able to function against selected targets, draw on past experience in combating contemporary threats, and are made up of specialised divisions, each directed to achieving a common goal.

In a new book, appropriately entitled *Friendly Fire* (Oxford University Press, £17.99), two experts on autoimmune diseases — David Isenberg, Professor of Rheumatology at University College, London and John Morrow, senior lecturer at St Bartholomew's Hospital, further elaborate on this military analogy. Patrolling macrophages "seize on intruding invaders" such as bacteria and viruses, and then hand them over to the lymphocyte B-cells — "the front-line infantry of the immune system" whose bullets, or antibodies, shoot the enemy full of holes. Their corpses are then dissolved by the enzymes of the blood serum and disposed of by white blood cells.

This process is co-ordinated at "military HQ" by another type of lymphocyte — the T-cell — which directs the immune response and also tones it down when the danger is past.

It is only because the natural world is so much more subtle and complex than anything conceived by man that the military metaphor breaks down. Our daily struggle against invading bacteria and viruses is not so much like Operation Desert Storm, with its readily distinguishable armies, as Bosnia, where it is difficult to identify the enemy from the local population. When the immune system fails to make this distinction the predictable result is self-destructive damage from friendly fire.

The first disease in which this was found to occur — involving the thyroid gland — was discovered only as recently as 1956, and in the subsequent four decades a further 20 have been added to the list, including diseases of the liver (primary biliary cirrhosis and chronic active hepatitis), of the nervous system (multiple sclerosis and myasthenia), and of the blood cells (pernicious and haemolytic anemia). In addition, some well-known diseases involving several tissues and organs, such as rheumatoid arthritis, have been found to be due to friendly fire.

The central feature in all these illnesses is that the immune system confuses "non self" with "self", as a result of which the B-cells manufacture antibodies against the self — auto antibodies — which attack healthy blood cells, liver cells, nerve cells and so on.

The classic model of how this might happen is illustrated by rheumatic fever, where antigenic markers on the surface of the streptococcus bacterium closely resemble markers on the surface of the heart valves. Thus the antibodies produced by the B-cells in response to a streptococcal sore throat not only punch holes in the invading organism, but also damage the heart valves, causing an inflammatory action that either renders them tight or incompetent, necessitating their replacement in later life.



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A healthy immune system in action: one of three rounded killer T-lymphocyte cells (right) attacks an infected cell

Great effort has gone into trying to identify similar precipitating infections as the cause of other autoimmune diseases, but with regrettably little success. Certainly antibodies to another bacterium, *proteus mirabilis*, are present in a large percentage of patients — if not all — with rheumatoid arthritis, but most immunologists seem to believe that the evidence that they are primarily responsible is less than compelling.

Research into the underlying mechanisms of autoimmunity has been more successfully directed at identifying several often subtle problems with the immune response itself that, cumulatively, might result in self-destruction.

Thus it appears we all produce some autoantibodies against healthy cells, but they tend to bind weakly and so cause no damage. By contrast, those produced in the course of an autoimmune disease grip on tightly and are difficult to budge. There are also problems at military HQ when the T-lymphocytes responsible for toning down the immune response after the threat has passed — the T-suppressor cells — are relatively ineffective.

Yet another abnormality has been found in the blood serum leading to a failure adequately to dissolve the corpses of cells destroyed by antibodies, so they cannot be disposed of by the white blood cells.

So, as with the friendly fire of armed conflict, autoimmunity is rarely traceable to a single precipitating mistake, but rather arises from a series of miscalculations and misfortunes leading to the issuing of faulty orders. In patients with rheumatoid arthritis, for example, they may or may not be exposed to *proteus* infections, but for the disease to get hold they must also have the right, or rather wrong, genetic constitution, with a typical combination of antigenic markers on their own cells. They also have an abnormality of their B-cells producing a faulty antibody, while the messages being sent from the T-cells may be garbled.

The clear advantage of being able to identify a specific precipitant like the streptococcus in rheumatic fever is that it is readily treatable with penicillin, so the immune system does not need to produce the antibodies which also inadvertently damage the heart valves.

Mostly, though, there is no alternative other than to take a blunderbuss approach and control friendly fire by suppressing the whole of the immune system that generates it, using drugs such as steroids or the anti-cancer drug, methotrexate. The risk of such an approach is obviously that it weakens the defence forces.

For the past 20 years immunologists have sought a more refined technique that might selectively pick off the part of the immune system most responsible for friendly fire. The ingenious proposals invoke metaphorical undercover agents, and include encouraging the B-cells to make antibodies against aberrant T-cells that are sending the wrong messages. Regrettably this stratagem, though applicable to man-made conflicts such as the Gulf War, has so far failed to be generally applicable to the much more complex world of our immune systems.

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Born under the cloud of Chernobyl

Among the legacies of the Chernobyl disaster of April 1986 has been the proliferation of absurd claims. These achieved a surreal level at the time of this year's anniversary, when Ukrainian officials reportedly claimed that 125,000 people had died as a result of the radiation released.

It turned out that this was the total of *all* deaths in the affected area since the accident. But it was not the first time that the real victims of Chernobyl had been exploited to attract Western investment or sympathy. Next Tuesday's *Network First* (ITV, 10.40pm) tells the tale of Igor Pavlovets, a child from Belarus born deformed after the accident.

His case is a tragic one, but what evidence is there to link it to Chernobyl? Carlton's publicity for the programme asserts that "over one million children" are deformed like Igor as a result of the accident. A sample survey of 500 children in Minsk, it says, has found only one to be completely healthy. But this may be a reflection of the poor health of Russian children in general and unconnected to the disaster at Chernobyl.

It may seem harsh to insist on proper evidence in the face of misery, but only by doing so can the real causes of ill-health be properly addressed.

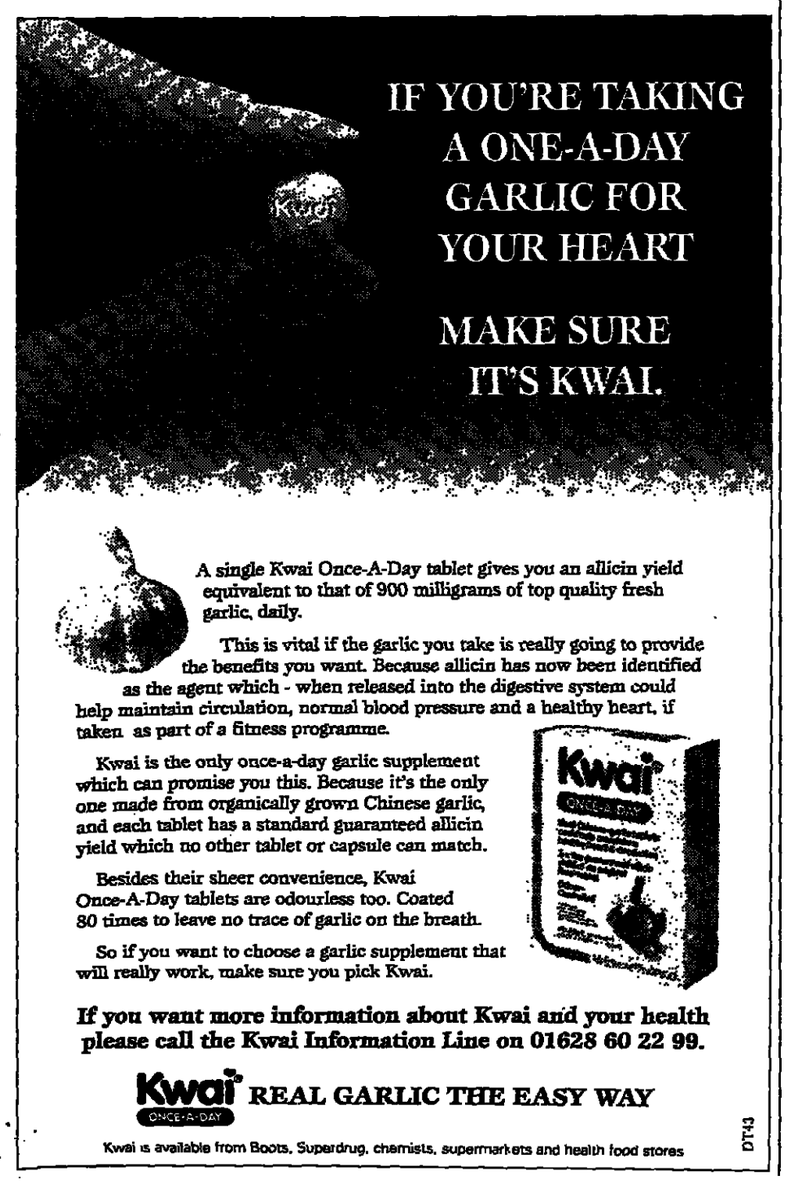
In today's issue of *Nature*, Dr Valerie Beral of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and a team from two Ukrainian scientific institutes examine the data on cancer of the thyroid, by far the most likely prompt response to a nuclear accident. Iodine-131 is a major part of the radioactive releases, contaminates grass, is eaten by cows, and finds its way into milk.

Since it is concentrated in the thyroid, that is where it is likely to cause damage, and children are at greater risk because their thyroids are smaller and they drink more milk.

The figures do indeed show an increase in cases. In the whole of the Ukraine, there were eight cases of thyroid cancer in children under 15 in 1986, 11 in 1989, and 42 in 1993. The data shows the risks are greatest among those who were living nearest to the plant. There is no evidence of increased risk in children born after 1986, which is to be expected because iodine-131 decays relatively rapidly. Neither is there any evidence, Dr Beral says, of increases in any other form of cancer.

Figures like these are no argument for complacency, but they do provide perspective. The actual evidence so far cannot possibly justify the wilder claims that have been made. Even a disaster needs to be kept in perspective.

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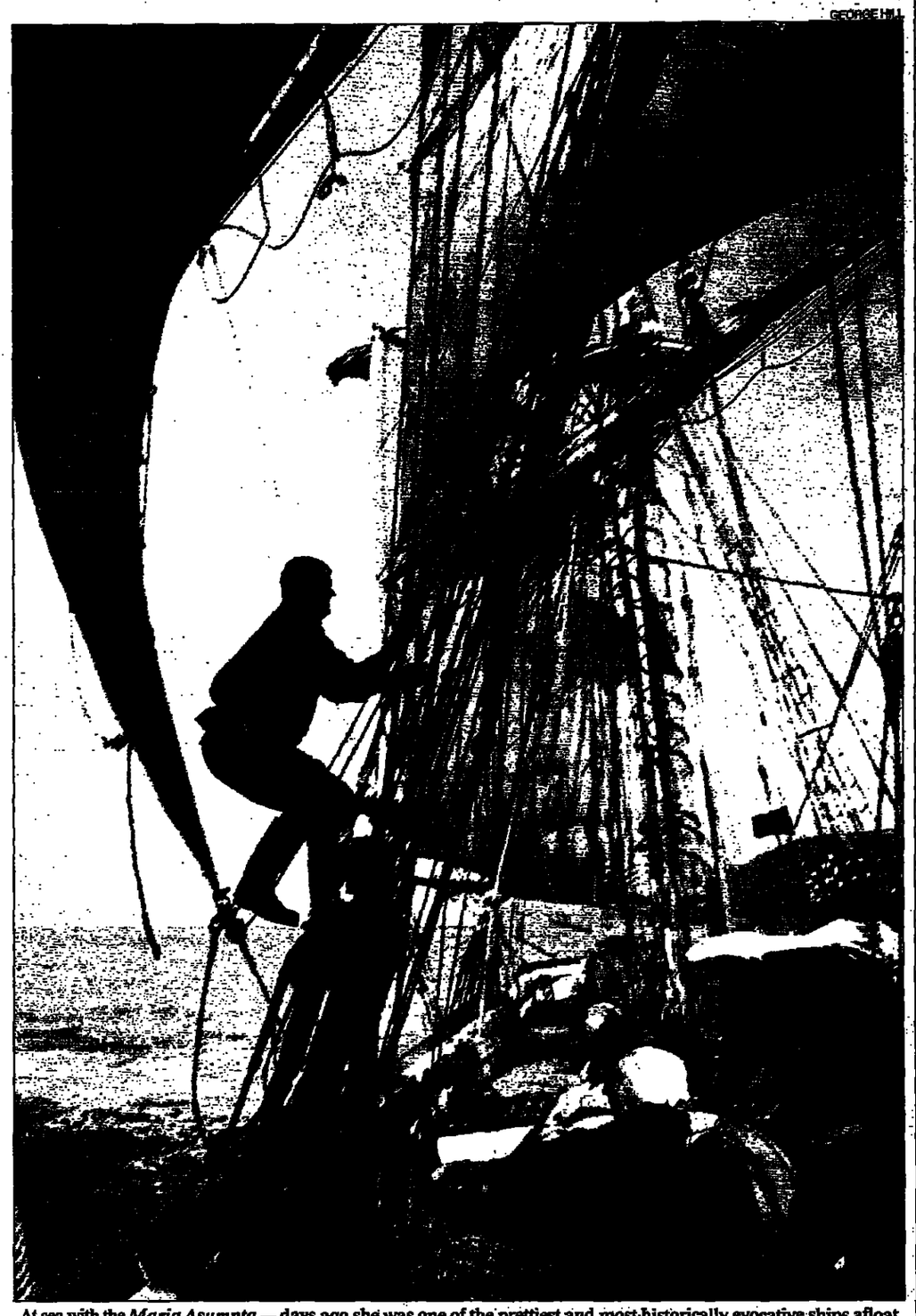
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George Hill tells of his feelings of devastation over the loss of the *Maria Asumpta*

'I was part of that crew — I can barely believe the tragedy'


GEORGE HILL

At sea with the *Maria Asumpta* — days ago she was one of the prettiest and most historically evocative ships afloat

For the want of a nail, the ship was lost. A momentary malfunction close to a lee shore in a previously reliable and lovingly-overhauled engine, and the brig *Maria Asumpta* was smashed to matchwood on the rocks at Padstow, with three of her crew drowned.

Tuesday's disaster was a special shock to me, as I had left the ship only 24 hours earlier, and the ground even now is still swaying faintly under my feet with the motion of the vessel that no longer exists. If my boss at the Ramblers' Association had answered the phone that afternoon and let me accept Mark Litchfield's invitation to stay on board and lend an extra hand, I would have been with the ship when she foundered.

It is hard for me to imagine that that hopeful and vigorous community, the *Maria Asumpta*'s crew, has been so suddenly dispersed, with three of its members dead. The shared labour and urgency of action on a sailing ship quickly knit the crew together. As one of a group of members of Mariners International, who had helped to bring the ship out to sea from Gloucester at the start of her busy summer programme, which was to have taken her to Spain and France, I already felt to some degree part of that community.

On the *Maria Asumpta*'s last-but-one passage, from the Devon coast northwards to the Mumbles, spirits were high even though we had been frustrated by contrary gales in our attempt to press on south to Padstow. The permanent crew were happy to be free at last of the long earthbound labour of fitting out, restorations and surveys.

No longer plunging into a head wind, we were carrying a press of sail in a following breeze. In the cavernous mess-room, framed from gnarled timbers a century or more old, and hung on all sides with hammocks, Emily MacFarlane, who died in the wreck, sat at the table with another young crew member. They had put out a row of glasses along the table, and filled them with water to strike different notes. They gaily rapped out scales and tunes on them with spoons, giggling foolishly, till they drove the rest of us mad.

Emily was an art student on a working holiday, and had a mass of brown curls which the wind kept blowing across her face so that it was a mystery how she could see out. She threw herself energetically into the above-decks work of the ship, scorning the traditional feminine identification with the galley.

Ann Taylor, 50, was one of those active women who chose a new life once family responsibilities grow less pressing. She joined the vessel briefly as cook a season or two ago, and was so stable and reliable that Mark Litchfield had invited her back on a long-term basis. She gave up a well-paid job in public relations, to the bafflement of her employer, to cast in her lot with the *Maria Asumpta*, in effect as ship's secretary. She had an air of quiet satisfaction with a life decision that had brought her to an environment that many would find intolerable.

Assigned to the unskilled function of lookout, I spent much of that last-but-one run perched on the foredeck as it rose to the swell like a steeple-chaser, singing songs under my breath out of the sheer joy of being one of the company of the prettiest and most historically evocative ship sailing anywhere in the world. Ann and one or two others were chatting just behind me. Later, she said to me: "You and your singing, George — I can't get *The Ash Grove* out of my head."

The third casualty, John Shannon, 24, an Australian, was one of the ship's engineers. He was a quiet and conscientious crew member.

Inevitably, and rightly, the loss of the *Maria Asumpta* will be subject to a long process of inquiry. I am not qualified to comment on the issues involved. But I can attest to the meticulous care that was lavished on the ship by a crew devoted to her, and to the tireless efforts of Mark Litchfield to watch over every aspect of structure and navigation, and to safeguard a vessel brought back from dereliction largely through his efforts.

In the dock at Sharpness, before we headed out into the open sea, he had called us together and personally demonstrated the use of safety equipment improved and reinforced during the winter. We little thought how soon it would be brought into use.

The ship had been surveyed weeks before, to qualify for the Department of Transport's new code of practice for passenger-carrying vessels up to 24 metres in length — a certificate that was on the point of being granted.

It will be the second time that Mr Litchfield has gone through the ordeal of a ship's loss and all the subsequent grief and anger. He was joint owner of the barque *Marques*, which foundered off Bermuda in 1984 with the loss of 19 lives. The subsequent enquiry exonerated the owners from significant blame.

Tragedy like this always raises the question: are these ships safe? Is it responsible to let people go to sea in craft encumbered by an obsolete technology?

Crewing in big ships as a recreation has grown enormously in popularity in recent years and thousands go to sea every year and come to no harm. Most sailing ships are modern vessels with built-in security features that could not be installed in historic vessels like the *Maria Asumpta* without destroying their character.

After the loss of the *Marques*, British regulations were tightened. No doubt there will be further lessons to be learnt from the loss of the *Maria Asumpta*. But it would be wrong to use the law to eliminate all risk in an activity which is deeply rewarding to the participants, and which they enter with open eyes.

Why do they always make Tories swine?

Television villains are so predictable, says **Simon Brooke**

FEW areas of life can have provided writers with as many cliff-hanging plots, Machiavellian protagonists and despicable anti-heroes as the world of politics. Westminster and its men and women have spawned storylines with enough twists and turns to keep even the most jaded viewer glued to the screen.

Despite their varied styles and genres, almost all of these plays, films and sitcoms have a common theme: the Tories tend to come off worst.

Conservative Central Office is regularly harangued by party activists outraged at what they see as blatant bias against their party and the Government by news and current affairs programmes. But rarely do these amateur media monitors turn their attention to fictional output. It probably would be worth their while to do so.



Tories are shown as sexually avaricious monsters

They can practise with Channel 4's recent offering, *The Politician's Wife*, which starred Juliet Stevenson and Trevor Eve as the corrosively nasty Conservative Minister for the Family caught pressing more flesh than he should. And in the autumn Channel 4 plans a new series commissioned from David Hare in which he has been asked to "hound the powers-that-be" and take a close look at the "crisis in the Tory Party".

The Politician's Wife is the latest of a long tradition of television fiction in which the Tories are portrayed as evil, calculating, sexually avaricious monsters. Hare's Channel 4 *Paris by Night*, in 1988, featured a ruthlessly ambitious female Tory MEP who would stop at nothing — even murder.

Yorkshire Television's sitcom *The New Statesman* attacked the Tories from another perspective, with Rik Mayall as an increasingly demented, scaldingly Thatcherite MP whose efforts to pull himself up by his own bootstraps would have caused even the most meritocratic ideologue of the New Right to raise his eyebrows.

Yet Labour MPs have escaped this vicious satire. Another sitcom, *No Job for a Lady*, saw Penelope Keith imaginatively cast as Labour MP Jean Price. Immediately we had a sympathetic character, cutting through bureaucracy, exposing cynical Whitehall hypocrisy, and regularly getting the better of her Tory colleague.

Why do Tories get such a hard time? Is it just Edwina Currie's uncanny resemblance to Cruella de Vil? Is it because the Conservatives represent the Establishment, and are an obvious target for Angry Young Men of all ages? Or is it the left-wing leaning of "luvvies" generally? Stevenson, for example, is outspoken in her contempt for all levels of the Conservative Party, and if the Labour Party's support among the artistic community was translated into votes across the country, it would enjoy a landslide victory.

The best-selling novelist and deputy Conservative Party chairman, Michael Dobbs, has little time for the protests by his fellow writers on the left: "So much of the intellectual left are a bunch of whingers. When life does not conform with what they would like it to be they immediately assume that there is some sort of conspiracy."

Should the Tories be worried? They certainly don't seem to be — no political party has carried out specific market research into the effect of such programmes. "It is nothing to get upset about, it's just a fact of life," Mr Dobbs believes.

PERHAPS they have no reason for concern. Just as actors enjoy playing the villain of the piece, so their audiences enjoy hissing them. And it may simply be that the electorate is now so cynical about politicians that it really does not care, even expecting them to behave in the ruthless, unprincipled fashion depicted in plays and films. After all, according to opinion research, Tories are traditionally regarded as efficient and well-organised — and have won four consecutive elections with this image. Perhaps the self-serving, ambitious monsters who represent them in fiction have done the Tories no real harm with the public.

● *The author formerly worked at Central Office.*

The attack on John Mills brought the reality of urban violence to an area that thought itself safe. **Giles Coren** reports

When Albert Street lost its innocence


JOHN CHAPMAN

Albert Street — is the vision of suburban harmony in full blossom turning sour?

There is always a strong smell of freshly roasted coffee at the bottom of Albert Street. The pukka residents of London NW1 will not take their morning caffeine any other way. It wafts up from the fashionable Café Delancey, which marks the frontier between leafy Victorian streets where the professional middle classes have made their homes, and the main drag of Camden High Street, all McDonald's and kebab shops, where people sleep in doorways because they have no homes at all.

In Albert Street live the novelists Beryl Bainbridge and A. N. Wilson. There are huge acacia trees and a beautiful yellow laburnum dropping blossom outside the house where, at about 8pm on Tuesday, John Mills, the businessman husband of Barbara Mills, the Director of Public Prosecutions, was stabbed by a gang of youths as he got out of his car.

Central suburban London is full of streets like this. At one end, large and expensive houses, at the other some council estates — in this case very well cared for ones. There is no visible division, no class demarcation among the pubs. It looks like the dream of suburban harmony in full blossom.

But for 13-year-old Paul Redford, who lives on the Mornington Street estate only a few doors from the Millses, the stabbing of Mr Mills was no surprise. "I was done on Primrose Hill last Friday," he told me. "There were about 17 of them and they hardly bothered to punch me, they just knocked me down and started kicking me."

Older residents recall the 1960s, when this part of Camden was more or less a no-go area of squats and brothels. It was not until the boom of the last decade that the rich and famous started to move in. Their influence has been felt for some time, as the pubs pull up carpets in favour of wooden floors, and eschew beer for Australian chardonnay.

Perhaps this is starting to attract the old anti-social elements back again. "Even in the bad old days, there weren't stabbings," says 72-year-old Ken Hubble, "but then, there was no one much worth stabbing. Some people think the way the area is going upmarket is going to make it unsafe."

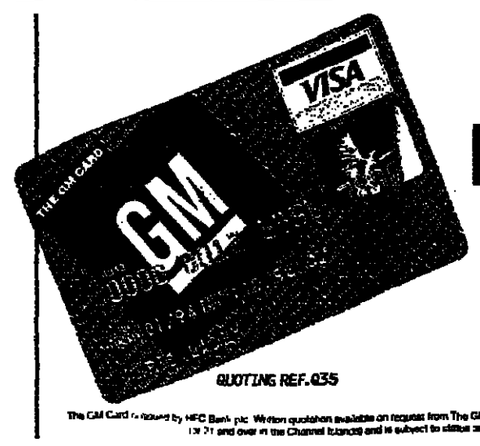
"Nonsense," says a man called Miguel, who works at the Delancey Stores, which commands a view of most of Albert Street. "What happened to Mr Mills was a one-off. I am sure the muggers were just passing through the area. If they hadn't bumped into him they would have moved through safely enough."

Beryl Bainbridge concurs. "Poor old John was unlucky. This is an entirely safe area. I pop out to the garage for fags at all hours of the night, and often go for long walks along the railway when I'm having trouble with my writing. When I first came here, 30 years ago, there were more genuine Londoners. They are starting to move back now — this has always been a mixed area, council tenants, home-owners, lots of Greeks, and it has always been lovely."

Even little Paul, brandishing his blackened and bloodshot eye like a war wound, is stoical. "We always knew that we shouldn't go down to Somers Town or the Robert Street area because of trouble, but this was always supposed to be safe. The men who attacked me might have been the same as the ones in the stabbing, but I had never seen them before and I don't think they were from round here." The group of friends he was playing with on the estate in Mornington Street were equally sanguine, and were more excited about talking to all the police and journalists on their doorstep than frightened by the reason they were there.

But on the High Street there is an altogether more aggressive atmosphere. Huge bouncers outside late-night clubs such as the Bar Royale suggest the possibility of nocturnal strife, and pedestrians react more and more violently to homeless beggars. There is racial tension in King's Cross and Kentish Town, and urban decay on estates just beyond the bourgeois frontier.

It may be that the town planners' dream has worked in Albert Street, and for the most part life goes on as happily as ever. But the stabbing of Mr Mills is a grim reminder not to ignore those places, not so far away, where the planners' dreams went wrong.



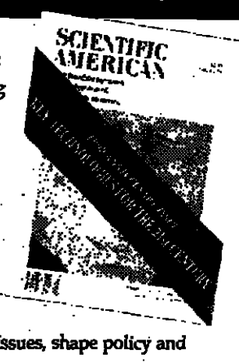
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Tired old new Labour

Alan Duncan MP and Dominic Hobson say Blair is a real socialist

Margaret Thatcher is half right. Tony Blair is a formidable opponent. He is prepared to work within the political framework she created, and he has brought to public life the sense of purpose missing since her departure. But the former Prime Minister is wrong to believe that Mr Blair is a convert to Thatcherism leading a party of unregenerate socialists. Nor is he, as John Major believes, entirely a confection of the spin-doctors. The best-kept secret in British politics today is that the Leader of the Opposition is a socialist.

The philosophy of Tony Blair is drawn partly from Amitai Etzioni's influential *Spirit of Community*. Etzioni argues that market forces have undermined traditional "communities", causing social and family breakdown. He wants to recreate a "moral, social and public order based on restored communities". His ideas have an obvious appeal for socialists in search of fresh versions of a bankrupt creed. Another seminal text is David Selbourne's *The Principle of Duty*, which President Clinton ostentatiously purchased at Blackwell's during a visit to Oxford. It describes how to create a new "civic order", based not on rights against others but on mutual responsibility.

> Blair's basic socialist values are sadly familiar

The new Clause Four, which insists that common endeavour achieves more than individual initiative, pulsates with this "communitarian" ethos. It promises a society "where the rights we enjoy reflect the duties we owe".

Like John Smith before him, Tony Blair is a Christian Socialist. This doctrine, invented not by socialists but by High Churchmen and High Tories, is a Victorian amalgam of French Catholicism and German metaphysics. The popularising of Christian Socialism owed much to the work of Tory reactionaries. Its emphasis was on the "organic" nature of society and the "duties" of the powerful towards the weak. It advocated social reform as an antidote to revolution.

Anglo-Catholics like Tony Blair admire the Christian Socialist stress on authority and its preference for the corporate over the individual. But Blair probably owes more to R.H. Tawney, the Christian Socialist thinker who excoriated inter-war capitalism for its lack of purpose and duty. Tawney's friend William Temple, who became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1942, popularised his ideas in the wartime bestseller, *Christianity and the Social Order*. Temple reckoned Karl Marx was "not far wrong", and claimed that the welfare state was synonymous with the Kingdom of God. Blair abandoned his youthful agnosticism once Christian Socialism made religion "less of a personal relationship with God. I began to see it in a much more social context."

Socialism appeals to the frustrated religious temperament. "In planned production for community consumption," wrote Beatrice Webb in a book published in 1940, "the secular and the religious are one." The book was entitled *I Believe*. Socialism is imbued with transcendental claims of this kind. The German philosophical tradition from which it springs is charged with the idea that the individual can "realise" himself only through metaphysical union with a greater social whole.

Tony Blair is exploiting middle-class anxieties ruthlessly. "People know they face greater insecurity than ever before," he says. "People need rules which we all stand by, fixed points of agreement which impose order over chaos." It is a powerful call to return to the imagined harmony of the past, when people lived in families, stayed married, kept their jobs and helped their neighbours.

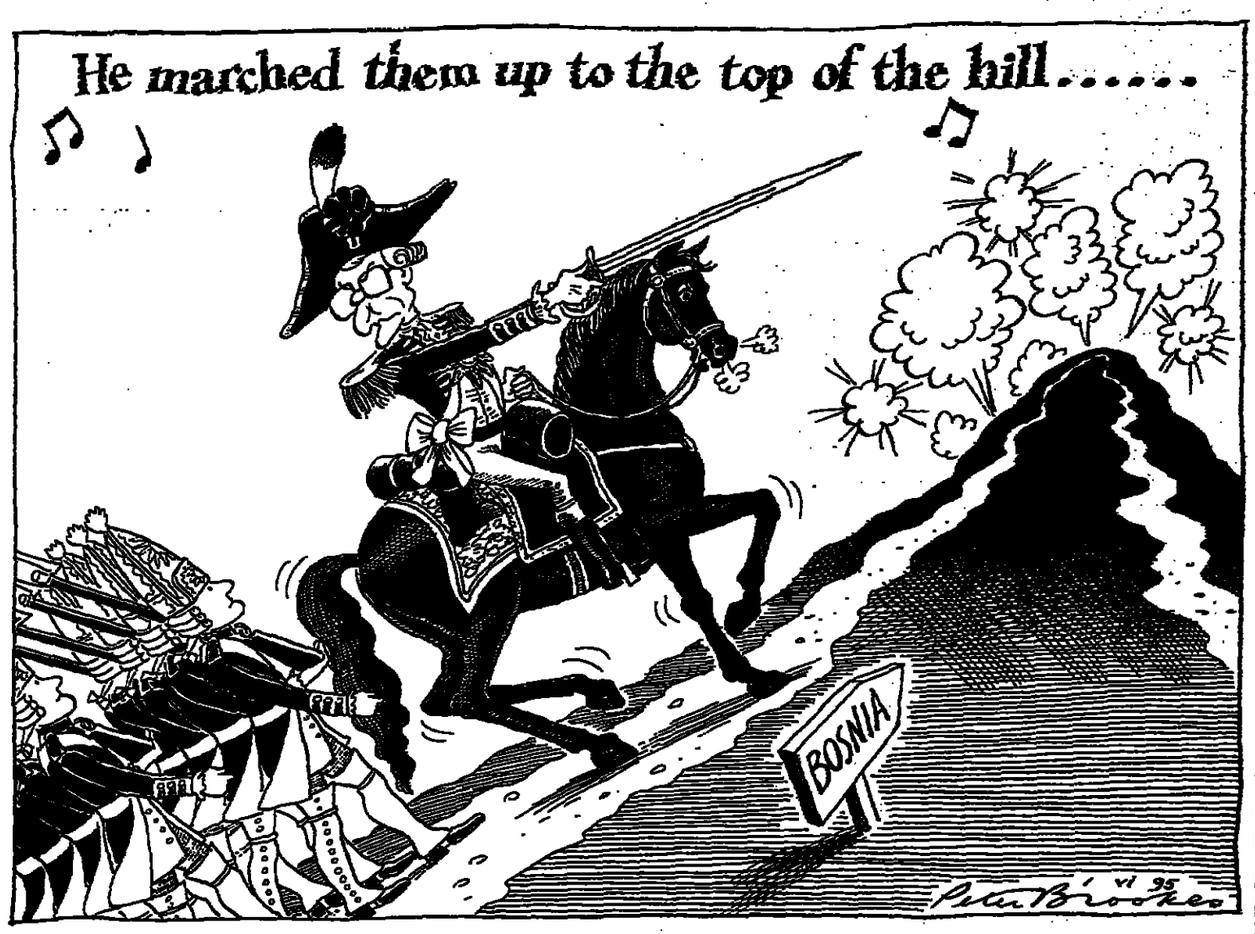
Socialism was always atavistic. All of the great socialist thinkers — Ruskin, Morris, Blatchford, Tawney, Lansbury — channelled their hatred of capitalism into nostalgia for Merry England. In that prelapsarian world, everybody knew his place, selfishness was tempered by religion, and the possessive individualism of capitalism lay centuries ahead. The "community" promised by Tony Blair merely moves this vision of the future from the Middle Ages to the Hovisland of the 1940s.

Restored "communities" are an ugly prospect. No community can exist beyond the unity of purpose of the individuals which make it up. Unity is easily achieved by a family or a sports team, but in larger groups it is maintained only by coercion. Anybody who refuses to work for what the new Clause Four calls "the common endeavour" will have to be made to do so. The miners' strike of 1984-85, when working miners were spat at, threatened, ostracised and attacked by their fellow workers and villagers, was a cruel exposition of the true spirit of "community".

The "active citizen" of modern socialism marks the rebirth of the political conscript, and the euthanasia of the free individual. *The Principle of Duty* includes a frightening chapter entitled "Sanctions of Duty", in which Selbourne lists what happens to people who fail to do their social duty. Blair echoes its authoritarian tone, promising to fine the parents of truants and to confiscate the stereos of noisy neighbours.

Intellectual progress depends on the toleration of dissent. Social progress depends on the State leaving room for experiments in living. Material progress requires not a corporate economy but economic freedom. The most effective riposte to Tony Blair is for Conservatives to stop protesting that we are all communitarians now, and to start implementing their own values — freedom, property and the primacy of private life — with conviction.

The authors' book Saturn's Children *is published by Sinclair-Stevenson at £16.99.*



Virtual unreality

Eurocrats are refusing a public debate about their single currency

William Rees-Mogg

A new public campaign to sell a single European currency was launched in Brussels yesterday. The Commission published its Green Paper on the transition plan. The Association for the Monetary Union of Europe has been holding a two-day conference in Brussels. I had a somewhat distant connection with the conference. It was organised by Euroforum Deutschland, which is a subsidiary of IBC, the British Conference and Business Information company of which I am currently chairman. I went to Brussels more as a reporter than as a chairman.

As a reporter, I jotted impressions in a notebook. "Jacques Santer. How like John Major — decent, rational, unexciting. Commonplace arguments. A Luxembourg boy scout. 'We must talk to each other, we must explain economic arguments. We must have common objectives. We must be committed.' The higher naivety. Does not tackle any of the difficulties, does not even admit the dangerous consequences of dividing Europe between a single currency core and an outer rim of independent currencies."

The feeling that difficulties were being evaded persisted until near the end of the main speeches. I had jotted down 16 difficulties which the single currency project would need to overcome. The division of the core group from the independent currencies was the first. Others included the German objection to losing the mark, the British opt-out, the non-democratic structure, the lack of public support, concerns about national sovereignty and identity, the overvaluation of reserve currencies, the impact of convergence requirements on welfare spending, foreign price competition, unemployment, the conversion of national debts to a harder currency, the growing unpopularity of Brussels, the cost of implementation, the timing problem and the conflict between monetary and national fiscal policies.

No doubt other difficulties ought to be considered too. Jacques Santer's speech referred only to two of my 16 fairly obvious difficulties, and failed to resolve either of them. By the end of the main speeches, perhaps half of them had been referred to, but none had been resolved.

Considerably more interesting was the speech of the Spanish Minister of Economy and Finance, Pedro Solbes, whose Government has been suffering bad defeats in their local elections. He certainly sees one of the main problems of the single currency. The whole project coincides with the growing difficulty of financing the European welfare states.

Why do politicians so often say the opposite of what they clearly mean? In his speech, Solbes said: "In no case is radical change in the welfare state necessary." Yet his whole speech was a warning to us all that very radical change is now inevitable. He went on to tell us what will have to be done. There is "exponential growth of expenditure". A large part of the European welfare model consists of "redistributing resources among medium income groups". We shall have to "concentrate on the most disadvantaged and leave the rest to private activity ... the worst enemy of the welfare state is the position that there is no need for change." The Spanish Socialist Finance Minister sees clearly that economic and monetary union may get the political blame for the radical welfare changes which have now become inevitable in Europe.

The Governor of the Bank of France, Jean-Claude Trichet is, not surprisingly, very French. He is a brilliantly clever and well educated man. He reminded me of Pope's lines:

> Why has not man a microscopic eye?
> For this plain reason, man is not a fly.

M Trichet has a microscopic eye. He sees the world of central banking, of money, of European schemes, of the manoeuvres of cabinets, with extreme clarity. In his arrogant insularity, he hardly refers to any events outside Europe. In reply to one question, he discussed the delicate subject of "centralised economic policy versus decentralised national policies". It was clear which he intends shall prevail: the European central bank, perhaps with himself as its governor. If we have a single currency, M Trichet may well end up as our new sovereign; he will be as unaccountable as Henry VIII or Queen Elizabeth.

My notebook goes on to the speech on the Green Paper in the afternoon by Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the French commissioner responsible for seeing that the single currency begins on January 1, 1999. As the day went on, I became more and more aware of the extraordinary Frenchness of the whole operation. It started under the presidency of Jacques Delors, and the French are its most powerful and authoritative spokesmen. Brussels this week felt like the Fourth French Empire. M de Silguy started briskly enough: "The single currency is going to happen. We have got to prepare for it." He has three objectives: to reduce uncertainty, to raise the awareness of the public, to win public support. He does talk of "barriers to progress", yet none of them concerns the real difficulties of the single currency. The barriers he identifies are all about acceptance. We must get people "to fall in love with the new currency". We must be efficient, because double accounting costs money. The new currency must have enough critical mass to enjoy market credibility. The legal arrangements must be clear. We must respect the treaty. He might as well have said that we must do as we are told.

As I listened to M de Silguy, I became even more depressed about Brussels. Like M Trichet, he is a graduate of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration. He is a clever man, well educated in a Cartesian way. Yet their world seems quite unreal, a world of élitist power structures in which the public are kept off stage, like the crowd in a classical court drama. The atmosphere of Brussels in the 1990s is as remote from popular reality as that of Versailles in the 1780s. Europe has over 10 per cent unemployment. The Brussels reply is that a single currency will reduce unemployment "in the long term". That is a real "let them eat cake" response. Marie-Antoinette should be the hereditary patron of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration.

Finally, at the end of the day, somebody said what many of us at the conference had been thinking. The speech that needed to be made came not from a Frenchman, but from a German, not from a commissioner, but from a member of the European Parliament, the SPD member for the Duisburg district, Klaus Hänsch is a very special MEP, as he is now the President of the European Parliament. He is an unquestioned advocate of a single currency; yet he laid into the Eurocrats.

> We are talking about people's political and economic concerns, about psychological uncertainties and resistances. MEPs talk to people every week who know very little about EMU. The European Parliament has supported it from the beginning. We have to win over the citizens of the member states; this goes far beyond any national attitude. There is nothing comparable, not the Treaty of Rome, not the single market. This is totally different to anything that has happened before, because it will have a direct tangible impact on every individual citizen. This is not being done for banks or politicians, but for citizens. The decision has to be undisputed in all member states.
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> It is not a good enough argument to say the new money will be as good as the old, it must be better for all member states. People feel that when one brings in the new money, the old will be devalued, their savings will be devalued. That comes up in almost all conversations in all member states. They want the mark to remain the mark and the franc the franc. This is not a banal issue. Monetary union would not be the first reform to fail because of a misunderstanding. Nothing lends itself more than the single currency to populist nationalist agitation, to fears of loss of sovereignty, of loss of identity. Perhaps it is worst in Germany. We must help citizens to understand that this is part of overall European politics, which include modernisation, unemployment, the environment, crime and a common foreign and security policy.

I am not his kind of European, and I have not been a great admirer of the European Parliament, but Dr Hänsch's speech came as a great relief. He brought the people of Europe to centre stage. If, country by country, they could be persuaded that a single currency would be better for them than their own national currencies, if all the arguments about the economics, the politics and the sovereignty issue had been fully discussed, if they had decided in referendums, then perhaps a single currency for Europe could succeed. One can be on either side of that debate. What is intolerable is the Brussels assumption that such a public debate is unnecessary, and would merely be a waste of the bureaucrats' time.

A war the US can't ignore

Lawrence Freedman on Clinton's failure

President Clinton's silence during the Bosnian hostage crisis has been eloquent but unsurprising. His Secretaries of State and Defence have stuck to established policy, confirming a readiness to take tough action against the Serbs so long as it does not involve American troops. As the crisis deepens, it is hard to see how this semi-detached stance can be sustained. There are three reasons for the Administration to think hard again about its policy.

First, it cannot escape responsibility for the current mess. In their enthusiasm for air strikes, the Americans have regularly played down the degree of risk to UN troops, even though they resolutely refused to put their own troops in harm's way. The fear of Serb retaliation has nonetheless been the main reason for the hesitation and tentativeness with which airborne weapons have been used for the past 18 months. Every air strike has been a calculated risk, and many have resulted in harassment of UN troops by the Serbs.

It is quite disingenuous for Washington to hint that the troops should have been protected before last week's strikes. Redeployment of the most isolated units to safer positions would have compromised important elements of the UN mission and would have taken too long, given the urgency for action. If it had been so easy Nato would not have spent the past few months developing complicated plans for their withdrawal. The United States has been most associated with the policy that triggered the hostage-taking, so it has a special responsibility to help to resolve the situation.

Secondly, the seizure of UN troops has transformed the politics of Bosnia. The standard line is that no vital American interests are bound up with the outcome of the Bosnian civil war. Perhaps not, yet John Major has acknowledged that when the Serbs took UN troops captive they raised the stakes for all concerned. Presumably America does consider the integrity of the United Nations, the credibility of Nato, gross breaches of international law, as well as the risks of a wider Balkan war and threats to the lives of soldiers from a number of its leading allies to be something like vital national interests.

Thirdly, America actually has plans at an advanced stage to introduce up to 25,000 troops into Bosnia. These would be part of a much larger Nato operation to bring out Unprofor if conditions become too hazardous and hopeless. It has always seemed a little bizarre that only at the point of retreat would Nato forces become seriously engaged in the Bosnian war.

A substantial contingent of American troops in Bosnia would transform the situation, and oblige the Bosnian Serbs to reappraise their position. It would not be necessary or sensible to declare this to be a war-fighting force, designed to work with the Bosnian army in pushing back the Serbs. Rather, such a force could show resolve without relying on air raids, which might endanger the hostages. It could, for example, seize artillery pieces or push through convoys, without having to turn back at the first road-block.

Given that the Bosnian Serbs are already nervous about the shifting military balance, such a development would encourage them to take an interest in a diplomatic settlement. Influence over events in Bosnia almost always depends on presence on the ground.

Two thousand American marines are deployed with the aircraft-carrier *Roosevelt* in the Adriatic. They have been described as "a precautionary measure", and could be used for special operations in the unlikely event that it looked feasible to rescue the hostages. The most promising use of them would be to secure staging areas for more substantial army and air force units, in support of either a withdrawal or a more robust action. Yet the most the Americans have actually offered the UN is military equipment — possibly including armoured personnel carriers and helicopters, but without any troops.

So a stronger contribution cannot be ruled out but opposition to military interventions runs deep in Washington, which is still haunted by its abortive engagement in Somalia.

It is also hard to see how any large-scale deployment of American troops could be managed under anything other than a Nato command, and that could lead to complicated command arrangements with the UN.

The Clinton Administration will not be able to continue for long as if current events were no more than an unfortunate setback for an otherwise well-considered policy. Even if the situation does not deteriorate further, the President may soon have to contemplate moves in the Senate which are designed to push him once again towards lifting the arms embargo.

The Administration has sought to reaffirm America's claim to lead the Western world, but it refuses to accept risk or sacrifice. They can't have it both ways.

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Haught couture

DESPITE bewailing her lack of funds in *Hello!* magazine, the Duchess of York does not appear to be cutting costs in the wardrobe department. The fun-loving duchess has ordered 12 new outfits from the London couturier Isabell Kristensen for the summer.

They will come with matching handbags by Anya Hindmarch, shoes by Jimmy Choo, and make-up suggestions to ensure full coordination from top to toe. Kristensen outfits do not come cheap, even with the duchess's inevitable discount: her suits retail at around £700; evening wear is considerably more.

Isabell Kristensen helps to dress Mrs Bruce Forsyth, Valerie Campbell, Mandy Smith, the all-girl pop group Bananarama and assorted members of European royal families. She is noted for cloud-like tulle ballgowns.

But yesterday she was unwilling to comment on the duchess's style, other than to say that her influences for this season's collections have been twofold: the bathycolpian cartoon character Jessica Rabbit and reed-slender Audrey Hepburn. "One of my great specialities is the corset," she says. "And they are padded for both bust and hips."

● *Much speculation about Lord Owen's future has followed my revelation yesterday that he wants to step down as the European Union's peace negotiator in Bosnia. Although he has ruled out a return to active politics, one post might well attract him: chairman of the governors of the BBC, in succession to Marmaduke Hussey.*



"We call him Cedric because he wants the lot for himself"

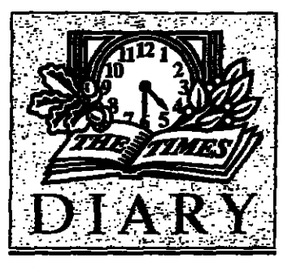
Box of delight

PEPYS LIBRARIAN Richard Luckett evoked a bygone age at Tuesday's launch of the paperback edition of the complete Pepys Diary: not the 1660s, but the 1960s. He said that the fellows of Magdalene College, Cambridge — custodians of the Diary — closely followed the progress of the *Lady Chatterley* trial at the time when they had to decide whether to publish an unexpurgated Pepys.

In order for them to pass judgement on some of Pepys's more vulgar turns of phrase, a transcript was made of controversial passages. The college messenger was then charged with dispatching these pages from don to don in a locked red box, and separately conveying the key. Just the sort of clandestine excitement Mr Pepys enjoyed.

Lights, lights

BRIAN COX is ambivalent about the joys of working *al fresco*. After Tuesday's first night of *Richard III*, which he has directed at the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park, he looked fit to drop.



The production involves complex lighting effects which couldn't be rehearsed until after dusk — which meant all-night rehearsals. "Not many people get to see dawn over Regent's Park," he yawned. "Added to that, all these bats appeared in the middle of the night and were swirling about our heads as we worked."

A large white cat came close to stealing the show on Tuesday. It emerged from the bushes off stage left and approached the action inquisitively. It thought better of joining the actors, and turned and fled in the direction of the hamburger stall.

Not cricket

LONDON ZOO is recruiting a team of Morris Men to help perk up the sex lives of its crickets. They are being asked to provide a fertility dance to encourage rare field and wart-biter crickets to breed in a specially designed enclosure.

The new cricket house hopes to reintroduce the insects to the English countryside. Field crickets, which were once the sound of summer, recently declined to just one colony of 100 in West Sussex. It is hoped that local Morris Men will inspire the insects to procreation at the opening of the centre this weekend.

"I'm sure it will bring back memories of the strains of jingling bells over the Sussex countryside," says Paul Pearce-Kelly, curator of the invertebrate conservation centre. "I'm sure it will be a help."

Tuned out

VIOLINIST Tasmin Little and Russian-born conductor Yakov Kreizberg caused a minor panic in the orchestra pit at Winchester Cathedral this week. They very nearly failed to reappear for the second half of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's concert in their Cathedral Classics series.

Some feared they had decided against returning to perform the Brahms violin concerto altogether. Actually they had slipped across the close during the interval to the cathedral organist's house for a last-minute practice. They had asked the concert organisers to summon them for the second half, but were so busy practising that they never heard the doorbell.



Tasmin, where are you?

"We all sat there waiting for someone to give the conductor the nod, but nobody appeared," says Tony Woodcock, the orchestra's managing director. "In the end we almost had to break the door down to get them out." At which point the couple returned *con vivace*.

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EMERGENCY CALL

Now for a strategy to match yesterday's defence of principle

Storms clear the air. John Major's speech on Bosnia yesterday, one of his best Commons performances, was further evidence that the monstrous conduct of the Bosnian Serbs has finally begun to blow Western policy on the Balkans out of the doldrums in which it had for months been drifting. France's love affair with the United Nations has been tempered by the hostage-taking and it is now pressing hard not only for reinforcements in Bosnia, but for "a hands-on role" in operations. Even Bill Clinton now seems to be prepared to use American ground forces not just to cover a withdrawal, but to assist a redeployment of forces which would render Unprofor less vulnerable to Serb outrages. All these plans are still in flux; but it seems that if the Serbs expected to secure a panicked UN withdrawal, they have gained ground only with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the erratic UN Secretary-General.

To the British Government, the "qualitative change" in the situation on the ground to which Mr Major referred seems to have restored its grasp of the principles at stake. A palpable reinvigoration of Balkan policy marked yesterday's Commons debate. Mr Major set out to provide answers to members of the public who have become bewildered by the intricacies of the conflict and dubious of British involvement. It was well done. Gone were the dismal evasions about "unwinnable civil war". He made an unanswerable case for Britain's military engagement in Bosnia.

The Prime Minister restated the humanitarian cause, the prevention of "coldblooded racially based murder" and starvation, with unusual eloquence and obvious sincerity. More importantly, perhaps, he laid out with unwonted clarity Britain's strategic national interest in preventing the Bosnian dispute from escalating into a wider Balkan war.

At a time of peril for British forces, it was never seriously in question that Mr Major would largely obtain the unequivocal support of the House which he sought. Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown hinted at errors past, but gave the new policy backing as nearly unqualified as is human in leaders of opposition parties. The small band of MPs who believe that the UN should cut and run was early subdued — notably by the surgical strike against any temptation to succumb to blackmail with which Mr Major met Teresa Gorman's miserable question about how best to comply with Bosnian Serb demands that air strikes be halted.

On withdrawal, he pointed out the obvious: "Withdrawal is not a policy. No one should believe that leaving Bosnia would end the UK's interest in this conflict." Civilians would certainly suffer. They were exposed to horrors at the time when British troops were first deployed in 1992: "Depart — and these dangers return." The obvious needed to be stated. But this debate, so necessary for the British public, must now be followed by detailed mapping of instructions to Unprofor consonant with a less yielding strategy. Mr Major insisted yesterday that the reinforcement of the British contingent in Bosnia was not a cover for withdrawal. But he had little light to shed on what the purposes of the redeployment of Unprofor might be; and on this issue, Britain and France may again be headed for conflict with the UN Secretariat.

Mr Boutros Ghali, who once disgracefully dismissed the Balkan conflict as "a white man's war", has only set out "options". But the drift of his advice would be to demilitarise the Bosnian "safe areas", while simultaneously depriving them of UN and Nato protection both on the ground and from the air. This must be resisted, and not only because it would reward the Bosnian Serbs: such undertakings would deprive international diplomacy of all leverage.

Manifestly, the UN cannot run a shooting war. But firm responses to attack are politically warranted, obviously necessary and within the existing mandate. The Security Council should leave the UN's chief officer in no doubt that the mood is against capitulation, however dressed in UN-speak. Redeployment must strengthen, not emasculate, the forces of peace.

SID TURNS UP THE HEAT

British Gas shareholders have a right to be angry

When the story of Britain's attempts to improve corporate governance comes to be written, yesterday may prove to be a hinge day. Government ministers have for years been reciting the mantra that executive pay is for shareholders to decide. Yet at British Gas's annual general meeting — Docklands Arena filled to the brim — ordinary shareholders were adamant that they wanted the company to improve its procedures. The result? Almost certain defeat for millions of Sids, but victory for Cedric & Co.

The official tally will not be announced until today. But the betting is that, despite a massive show of hands in favour of a resolution criticising British Gas's remuneration packages, the board and its proxies will prevail. PIRC, the corporate governance consultancy which has been campaigning on behalf of the small shareholder, declared yesterday to be a "moral victory" for them. But real victory is still far from their grasp.

The shareholders travelled to Docklands in their thousands. Many were old and frail, but they sat through a full day of argument regardless. Passions were high as shareholder after shareholder went to the podium to express anger at the board's lack of attention, both to its customers and its owners. "British Gas appears to be a private dictatorship as far as salaries are concerned," said one. Others complained that coming to the meeting had been a waste of time because the board was not listening to shareholders' views. They let off steam by voting on a show of hands against the reappointment of all but one director, but this result will probably be overturned in a ballot.

The shareholders had every right to be angry. The pay of the chief executive, Cedric Brown, has risen by 71 per cent in a year in which many of his staff are being laid off or asked to take pay cuts. The board's rationale for the increase is that Mr Brown should be paid a salary comparable to his counterparts in other big gas companies. Yet the international comparisons are with companies in competitive environments; British Gas is still a monopoly, in which it is hard not to make huge profits.

Moreover, if there were a danger that Mr Brown were about to flit to America, a higher salary might be justified to retain him. Yet no such danger exists. He has been with British Gas for his whole working life, and admitted yesterday that he never wanted to work anywhere else.

The pay rise was not just bad public relations; it will affect directly British Gas's profitability. Even the big institutional shareholders should worry that the company's reputation has now sunk so low that customers will desert it in droves when other companies are allowed to enter the domestic gas supply market. And employees at British Gas are much more likely to take industrial action, at great cost to the company's profits, because they feel that they have been unfairly treated.

So where were the big shareholders yesterday? Most were craven enough to support the board, after the chairman's threat that not to do so would amount to a vote of no confidence. Yet such a vote is precisely what is needed to shake up the cosy cartel of corporate emoluments. Institutional shareholders must start to exercise their muscle. The sooner boards realise that they — like the rest of the world — have to be accountable, the better.

MAYAN MYSTERY

Was a great civilisation humbled by an even greater drought?

In the beginning, according to the *Popol Vuh*, the Mayan text which is our greatest source of knowledge on the mythology of that ancient people, "there was only the Creator, the Shaper, Tepeu, Gucumatz, and the Progenitors". They created man successfully out of maize, having tried to make him first from mud and wood: these men of grain eventually fashioned a civilisation in Central America whose texture was as rich and compelling as its collapse was mysterious.

Having sprung from maize — as legend would have it — this culture probably crumbled from a hunger for it. New research, published in the latest issue of *Nature*, argues that a prolonged drought, the product of sharp climatic changes in the region, spelt the end of the Classical Mayan civilisation. "Round the decay of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare, the lone and level sands stretch far away."

It has been asserted before that a shortage of food was the cause of the great migration of people from Mayan cities, but the tendency has been to hold the Mayans themselves responsible. Their agricultural methods, many have argued, were unable to cope with increases in population. More fanciful theories have suggested that the collapse of the civilisation was due to the higher death rate among girls: a severe shortage of women dealt society a blow from which it was impossible ever to recover. But the latest attempt at an explanation for the end of Mayan civilisation is unlikely to dull our fascination with the abjectness of its demise.

The six centuries of its flowering — from 300 A.D. to 900 A.D. — in modern-day Guatemala, Belize, Honduras and Mexico, were brooding and bloody ones for Europe. The Mayans were the most advanced people by far in pre-Columbian America and their proto-scientific attainments could be said to match those of most of the other high civilisations of old.

The Mayans, moreover, were the only people in the New World to develop an embryonic system of writing. Add to that their complex system of numeration, astronomical observations and calendrical inventiveness and one has a picture of a polished and methodical society. Yet as Sir Eric Thompson pointed out in his seminal — and unsurpassed — work, *The Rise and Fall of Maya Civilisation*, the Maya "excelled in the impractical but failed in the practical". They mapped the skies but the concept of the wheel eluded them; they understood eternity but their buildings failed to progress from corbelled to true arch. The men of maize counted in millions but "never learnt to weigh a sack of corn". A drought defeated the Mayans, it seems: lesser civilisations, arguably, would have survived.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bosnia crux for UK Government

From Mr George Thomas

Sir, Once again the Government is sending more troops to Bosnia for the protection of those troops which have already been sent. No doubt they will soon need the protection of yet more.

Once again the Government, without the lodestar of a clearly defined policy with precisely identified and achievable objectives, having spotted an avoidable mire is ploughing into it without a clue as to how it will get out or an idea as to what it is trying to do while there. It is, as is its habit, becoming more and more enmeshed as hostage to events over which it has no control.

Men join the Army knowing that they could be required to risk their lives for their country. They cannot fairly be ordered to take the same risk when offered as United Nations mercenaries if Britain's national interest is not clearly at stake.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE THOMAS,
17 Campden Hill Square, W8.
May 31.

From Miss Nora Beloff

Sir, You report today that the whole international community is searching for "a formula to ease growing tensions" in Bosnia. The formula is staring them all in the face.

What the Contact Group need to do now is to negotiate directly in Pale with Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, and not in Belgrade with President Milosevic. The President has spent most of the year trying to get rid of the Bosnian Serb political leaders, who represent a direct threat to the old communist establishment.

The Bosnian Serbs, who are overstretched and outnumbered, would certainly have been defeated by the Muslims and Croats if Nato had managed to demolish all their ammunition depots and artillery. Their only hope of survival depended on seizing UN prisoners and weapons.

You really must stop expecting the Bosnian Serbs to allow themselves to be bombed and, once the bombs are dropped, accusing them of being war criminals for engaging in the only form of resistance left open to them ("Confronting terror", leading article, May 29). The British prisoners are no doubt very conscious of the need for direct negotiations.

Yours etc,
NORA BELOFF,
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May 30.

From Mr D. B. Ryder

Sir, There is no point in condemning the Bosnian Serbs for hostage-taking. When a group of indigenous people of one religious persuasion are placed, against their will, under the political control of a government of a different religious persuasion no holds are ever barred. The history of Ireland in the past three centuries and more should teach us this.

If the international community is determined that the Orthodox Serbs living in Bosnia should become subject to the Muslim-dominated government of Bosnia-Herzegovenia then it should be prepared for far greater atrocities than those which have been experienced to date.

Yours faithfully,
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May 30.

From the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Telegraph

Sir, Simon Jenkins is uncharacteristically disingenuous in his column on Bosnia today (May 31). He identifies *The Daily Telegraph* among the bellicose media voices, by misleading quotation. In our editorial on Monday, we indeed argued that the UN's credibility in Bosnia would be destroyed if the UN backed down merely to save the lives of its own hostages. But we went on to say that, since the West has never possessed the will, or been willing to commit the means, to make its intervention in Bosnia militarily effective, the UN should withdraw.

Simon Jenkins also quotes a signed piece by Robert Fox, a *Daily Telegraph* writer, describing Bosnia as "the worst security threat to Europe since 1945" as if this was our editorial view, which of course it is not. To clarify the pleasant irony: for years now, Simon Jenkins's views on Bosnia have mirrored remarkably frequently those of *The Daily Telegraph*. It seems a bit odd that he should now seek to disagree with us, when it is *The Times*'s resounding call to arms with which he is really out of step.

Yours faithfully,
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The Daily Telegraph,
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May 31.

From Mr Robert Kee

Sir, Talk about no British interest being involved in Bosnia reminds me of Chamberlain's remark about "a quarrel in a far away country between people of whom we know nothing".

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT KEE,
82 Camberwell Grove, SE5.
May 31.

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More composers, worse music?

From Professor Nigel D'Arcy

Sir, I reply to Paul Griffiths's reply to Bernard Levin ("Once, Wagner was new music", Arts, May 29; see also letters, May 27). More records do mean greater access, but also greater commercialisation. More composers at work today may mean more potential geniuses in the wings, but also more junk, more unconscious conformity, and more gratuitous iconoclasm, to achieve fame against such numerical odds. And if novelty is essentially a modern need our music fulfils, then serious and popular music are now morally on a par.

As there was no pop music industry to siphon off resources in Beethoven's day, whatever his complaints, culturally his society had something over ours. Our modern music, in order to survive, needs to be a cult with a prestigious, somewhat scholastic, backing.

Within that cult there would be one "art of listening". Outside it, the art of listening will not have died, only remained in a quite different form. In a society with many arts of listening the price for the survival of modern music is this prestigious marginality.

To put serious new music back at the centre of discourse and patronage is to ask not for cultural but for social reform. If Mr Levin wants Beethoven back he must campaign for a Habsburg restoration. If Mr Griffiths likes the modern West as it is he must accept the intrinsic marginality of modern music to a Beethoven-loving public.

Yours sincerely,
NIGEL D'ARCY,
Flat 5, 23 Lowndes Square, SW1.
May 30.

From Mr Keith Burstein

Sir, Paul Griffiths states that the "idea of a universal music is receding". This devastating notion is typical of the modernist fall-back position of "anything goes".

What mysterious line are we assumed to have crossed in the late twentieth century that supposedly prevents great "universal" music of lasting worth from being written? We composers merely seek permission to use tonality and melody again, in order to show what can still be done.

According to Bernard Levin ("When the music stops", May 23) those like himself who have a profound interest in our classical musical culture may now, in the face of a vacuous and played-out modernism, legitimately ask, "Has music stopped?" May I reassure Mr Levin that there are growing numbers of us dedicated to creating new classical music who will offer him a firm and confident "No".

When I and others protested at Birtwistle's modernist *Gawain* last year (reports and leading article, April 2, 1994) we realised from the intense media interest and white-hot dispute aroused that we had started something important. The blue touch paper has been lit on a redundant and reactionary modernist end-game.

Yours sincerely,
KEITH BURSTEIN,
Flat 1, Marius Mansions,
Marius Road, SW17.
May 29.

From Dr C. V. Howard

Sir, Has music stopped? Bernard Levin has surely answered his own question. I quote: "I can and shall live without the new music *because I have the old music always at my elbow*" (my italics). Is it not this instant and continuous barrage of musical sounds (not necessarily music!) that is now available at the push of a button which stifles creativity?

Most of the great composers of the pre-recording age had developed much of their mature style *in embryo* before they were exposed heavily to live music. That which they did hear was generally of the best. Nowadays a mere ten-year-old could have listened to more hours of music than Papa Haydn would have heard in his whole life span. This must have an effect on the ability of the mind to have original musical thoughts.

It seems that for some human activities it is inhibiting to be exposed too much, too early, to previous influences and dogmas. Perhaps a start towards helping Mr Levin in his dilemma might be to immediately close all schools of musical theory and composition. Is it too late to ban musical recordings?

Yours faithfully,
C. V. HOWARD (Chairman,
Liverpool Mozart Orchestra),
38 Beresford Road,
Oxton, Birkenhead, Merseyside.
May 23.

Freedom to roam

From Mr J. N. P. Watson

Sir, As a member of the Ramblers' Association I agree with Lord Peel (letter, May 27) rather than with the organisation's chairwoman (letter, May 24). Human disturbance is largely the cause of the unhappy decline of our fauna and flora, and we owe a great deal to private land ownership for what is left of it.

A glance at any county map, of its close patterns of public footpaths, shows that there is already quite sufficient access to the countryside. The Ramblers' Association should endeavour to project a more conservationist image.

Yours faithfully,
J. N. P. WATSON,
Pannett's,
Shipley, Horsham, West Sussex.
May 28.

Breeze in family trees

From Dr A. P. Joseph

Sir, Cecil Humphery-Smith's case is overstated when he suggests widespread shortcomings by fee-charging researchers ("Genealogists are told to put their house in order", May 22). Genealogical rogues do exist, regrettably, as in all walks of life, but a legal remedy is already available through the small-claims procedure.

Establishing new genealogical professional regulation would be over-reacting, and the expense and bureaucracy would increase professional charges.

I am etc,
ANTHONY JOSEPH,
(UK representative, Society of Australian Genealogists),
25 Westbourne Road,
Edbgaston, Birmingham.
May 28.

Jean Muir

From Mr Hugh Pearman

Sir, Many people unconnected with the world of fashion will grieve at the news of the untimely death of Jean Muir (report, May 30), for she gave her time very freely to all aspects of design. As well as being a Royal Designer for Industry (RDI), as your excellent obituary recalls, she was made Master of the Faculty of RDIs, based at the Royal Society of Arts, in 1993.

Her energy in this role was astonishing, and she put the faculty right back on the map as a standard-bearer for design excellence. Typically, it was not the clothes designers she most admired, nor yet the architects or graphic or product designers represented on the faculty (though she had time for all these), but most of all the engineers — the people who designed the engines that power Concorde and who can fling a bridge across the Bosphorus.

With the talents of such people and their young successors, she believed — and would countenance no ifs or buts — the commercial greatness of Britain could be restored. She had also recently become a patron of the proposed new college at the University of Durham, close to her Northumberland home, and had already made a mark on design discussions there.

She was also an excellent judge of contemporary architecture: her description, as one of the judges in the 1989 "Building of the Year" awards, of Nicholas Grimshaw's then-new printworks building for the *Financial Times* as "an inlaid jewel box" helped to ensure that the building was declared a winner.

Miss Muir could make a picnic a work of art, and could select a malt whisky to challenge the nectar of the gods. She was, I noted on several occasions, one of the very few people instantly to be recognised with affection and awe wherever she went.

Yours,
HUGH PEARMAN,
49 Evershot Road, N4.

Flying doctors

From Professor Emeritus Stanley R. Friesen

Sir, Your editorial "Sellotape, air hostess" (May 24), rightly compliments the surgeons who carried out a procedure at 35,000 feet (letters, May 27, 29). It leads one to believe that such may not happen on an American aircraft because American doctors "might well have been frightened off their duty" because of a possibility of being sued.

You should be informed that there is a widespread "good-Samaritan" law in the States that protects doctors as well as patients from that fear. I have observed doctors who readily respond when needed, and not only in airplanes; I have done so myself on a couple of occasions.

Yours etc,
STANLEY R. FRIESEN
(University of Kansas,
School of Medicine),
Robinson College, Cambridge.

Labour's economics

From Mr J. R. L. Cuningham

Sir, Woodrow Wyatt seems now lost in a time warp with a growing inability to analyse rationally the Labour Party's economic blueprint for office ("Thatcher does back Major", May 23). For example the stockbrokers James Capel, in their comment this week on Labour's new economic policy, argue that "it would leave Labour's fiscal stance well within the Maastricht guidelines and looking responsible relative to some of the UK's European neighbours. What Labour has offered so far is medium-term prudence, which is reassuring".

We need a serious debate on Mr Blair's proposals, not feeble attempts to rubbish them.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. L. CUNINGHAM
(Chairman),
Investment Research of Cambridge,
28 Panton Street, Cambridge.
May 23.

Labour plans for women's quotas

From Ms Ann Carlton

Sir, Banning men from standing as parliamentary candidates in some seats (reports, May 26; Simon Jenkins, May 27) marks one more step in Labour's drive towards women's quotas for other posts, too. Many Labour Party offices apply them, even for ward delegates and constituency party treasurers. Preparations are being made at the Labour Party headquarters in Walworth Road for the next stage of this "womminist" nonsense — the introduction of quotas for council candidates.

If these matters were put to one member, one vote, the national executive committee would be resoundingly defeated, in my view. That is why women-only short lists are being imposed.

Yours sincerely,
ANN CARLTON
(Co-convener, Labour Supporters for Real Equality),
Plasbach,
The Links, Pembrey, Dyfed.
May 27.

From Mr L. P. Baylis

Sir, At one time you simply needed good political connections to get the Labour Party's nomination. Now all you need, apparently, are the right genitalia.

Sincerely,
LESLIE PATRICK BAYLIS,
11 Victoria Street, Exeter, Devon.
May 27.

From Mr Peter Gilbert

Sir, A more democratic way to increase female representation would surely be for each constituency to return two Members of Parliament, one male and one female. A politically correct sex ratio would thus be assured and Parliament (hopefully) much improved. To keep the total numbers unchanged the size of constituencies could be doubled.

Yours faithfully,
P. GILBERT,
84 Bramble Avenue, Conniburrow,
Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.
May 26.

From Mr Lionel Alexander

Sir, Simon Jenkins writes, "All Labour pigs are equal but some are more equal than others . . . There is nothing new down on Animal Farm". Of course not. George Orwell's real name was Blair.

Yours faithfully,
LIONEL ALEXANDER,
Clunemore,
Drumnadrochit, Inverness.
May 27.

Boost for women

From Ms Lesley Abdela

Sir, Harold Wilson was the first (and only) British Prime Minister to appoint three women to his Cabinet: the redoubtable Shirley (now Baroness) Williams and Barbara (now Baroness) Castle, and at Overseas Development Judith (later Baroness) Hart.

I remember asking him at a 300 Group reception in the Lords some years after his retirement what he considered his proudest achievements. He replied, "first, putting Shirley Williams and Barbara Castle in my Cabinet, and second helping to put into being the Open University," adding: "Given the scarcity of women at university up to that point, consider how much the OU has helped women to gain something of a fair chance in a world otherwise terrifyingly biased against them."

I can name no other Prime Minister, however brave his or her words, who can live up to Harold Wilson's achievements in equalising opportunity for women in the UK.

Yours sincerely,
LESLEY ABDELA,
The Lodge, Conock Manor, Wiltshire.
May 27.

Out to grass

From Mrs Venetia Kenney-Herbert

Sir, As chief lawn mower in our establishment I was delighted to read (report, May 27) of a chemical to stop the grass growing so fast. It will, however, be useless here unless it stops the daisies too.

Yours faithfully,
VENETIA KENNEY-HERBERT,
The Poplars,
Rolstone, Hewish,
Weston-super-Mare, Avon.
May 27.

Living for today

From Mr William Folkes

Sir, In my rather languid youth I would never do today what I could put off until tomorrow because by tomorrow it might not need doing.

Now, on my 60th birthday, I have changed my philosophy of life. I will not put off until tomorrow what I can do today, because I may enjoy it, and tomorrow I can do it again.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM FOLKES,
Tower House, Lockner Holt,
Chilworth, Guildford, Surrey.
May 24.

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COURT CIRCULAR

HM YACHT BRITANNIA
May 31: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon arrived at Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall (the Lady Mary Holborow).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to Camborne Library and were received by the County Librarian (Mr John Farmer).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh toured the Library and viewed displays illustrating one hundred years of the Library's history, escorted respectively by the County Librarian and the Chairman, Environment and Community Services Committee (Mrs Barbara Spring).

Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque at the Trevithick Statue.

The Queen later visited Contico Europe Holdings Factory, Redruth, was received by the Managing Director (Mr Douglas Farrar) and toured the factory, meeting members of staff.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness afterwards visited HM Coastguard and Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre, Falmouth, were received by the Chief Coastguard (Commander Derek Ancona) and watched an air sea *rescue demonstration.*

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later attended a Reception in the Keep at Pendennis Castle and were received by the Regional Director, English Heritage (Mr Clive Abbott), Mrs Callie Saxty (English Heritage Manager for Pendennis Castle) and the Mayor of Falmouth (Mr Geoffrey Evans).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness subsequently embarked in *HMY Britannia* at Falmouth Docks and, escorted by HMS Cardiff (Commander Nicholas Butler RN), sailed for Dyfed.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Groundwork Kerrier Trust and was received by Vice Admiral Sir James Jungius (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall).

His Royal Highness later viewed the Schooner *Adela* at Falmouth Docks.

The Countess of Airlie, Major General Sir Simon Cooper, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Charles Anson, Lieutenant Colonel Sir Guy Acland, Bt, Major James Patrick and Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis are in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 31: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 31: The Princess Royal, Patron, Spinal Injuries Association, this afternoon attended the Twenty First Anniversary Reception for the Racing Industry at St James's Palace.

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of London, later visited the Royal Veterinary College to open the new Necropsy Building at Hawkshead Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, and was received by Mr John Wood (Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire).

Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 31: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning presided at a meeting of The Prince's Council.

His Royal Highness this afternoon departed from Royal Air Force Lyneham for the Republic of Ireland.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Dublin Military Airport, Baldonnel, and was received by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland (Mrs Veronica Sutherland).

His Royal Highness this evening attended The Queen's Birthday Party given by Her Majesty's Ambassador at the Residence, Glencairn.

The Prince of Wales later visited Government Buildings, Upper Merrion Street, and was received by the Taoiseach (Mr John Bruton).

His Royal Highness afterwards attended a Dinner given by the Taoiseach at Dublin Castle.

Mr Stephen Lamport, Mr Allan Percival and Miss Sandra Henney are in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 31: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Commodore, this morning visited Royal Air Force Leuchars, St Andrew's, Fife, Scotland.

Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Sovereign Club Day Care Centre and later opened the Coventry Churches Housing Association Nursing Home, Abbey Park, Humber Road, Coventry, the West Midlands, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of the West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the new Coventry Ambulance Station, Lincoln Street, Coventry, the West Midlands.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
May 31: Princess Alexandra this evening attended a Concert given by the Medici String Quartet in aid of REACT, as part of the Kingston Arts Festival, at All Saints Parish Church, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Soap magnate's garden pergola is restored at cost of £1.4m

Superb walkway reopens this week

By Marcus Binney

THE most magnificent garden pergola in Britain will reopen this week after a £1.4 million restoration by the Corporation of London.

The pergola, a covered walkway, was created by Lord Leverhulme, the soap manufacturer, between 1906 and 1925, to provide his garden at The Hill with a grandstand view over Hampstead Heath. Running a total length of 800ft, and supported on a forest of 332 stone columns, the pergola is as long as the Canary Wharf Tower in Docklands is high.

Lord Leverhulme created the massive terraces on which the pergola stands with the help of 17,000 wagonloads of spoil from the excavations for the tunnels of the Northern line which surface nearby at Golders Green.

Leverhulme was fond of giving lavish garden parties and the raised terraces ensured that his guests were largely out of sight from strollers on the heath, while providing a vista all the way to Harrow-on-the-Hill. They also kept the working parts of the garden, the potting sheds, greenhouses, vinery and mushroom house, out of sight.

Not content with the large garden initially laid out for him by Thomas Mawson, the leading landscape architect of the Edwardian era, Leverhulme bought up the houses on either side. When London County Council refused to sell him a right of way between the properties, Leverhulme built a bridge over it, allowing him to extend his colonnades on the other side.

This part of the garden was later taken over as Golders Green Park but its future came into question when the GLC was abolished in 1989. At the same time, Lord Leverhulme's imposing house, long used as a trade union nursing home, was put up for sale. Though it was a focal point of the garden, the house was not listed and was advertised as ripe for redevelopment. Salvation came when Hampstead Heath was taken over by the City Corporation. By this time the colonnades had been severely damaged in the 1987 and 1990 storms and the timbers had largely rotted. The corporation was able to bring the whole length of the pergola under one ownership and embark on systematic restoration.

Mike Warrington, the Higgs and Hill site manager, says: "The larger part of the colonnades had been restored in Portland stone, using the original stone wherever possible. Later colonnades which Lord Leverhulme executed in pre-cast concrete have been reconstructed in the same material."

A feature of the work has been the restoration of the original domes and tent-shaped roofs. The wood used has been French oak, seasoned for three years and brought from the border near Switzerland. English green oak has been used for the larger timbers. The bastion walls have been strengthened and partly rebuilt.

The corporation plans to plant the pergolas, using Lord Leverhulme's original plant lists, with wisteria, jasmine, clematis, honeysuckle, ivy and rambler roses.

Lord Leverhulme also created two spectacular landscape gardens in the north of England, one at Thornton Manor, his house in Cheshire, the other at Rivington near Bolton, Lancashire. His most famous creation is the model village laid out beside his factory at Port Sunlight.

The architect for the restoration on the Hampstead pergola is Jim Cosgrave, advised by David Mawson, grandson of the original designer.

From today the pergola will be open from 8 am until half an hour before sunset throughout the year.

PETER TREVNOR



A view along the pergola, which runs for 800ft, supported on 332 stone columns

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.P.N. Abbott and Miss R.C. Stone
The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs George Abbott, of Cambridge, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rex Stone, of Farnah Green, Derbyshire.

Mr A.J.M. Betts and Miss A.H.M. Albertini
The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Betts, of Horsmonden, Kent, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Albertini, of Privett, Hampshire.

Mr M.D. Cornish and Miss E.J.E. Jeffreys
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of the late Mr David Cornish and Mrs Betty Cornish and stepson of Mrs David Morris, of Shipenny Handley, and Jemima, middle daughter of Mr and Mrs George Jeffreys, of Redlynch.

Mr C.R. Kirk and Miss S.C. Lawson Johnston
The engagement is announced between Charles Reggie, only son of Major and Mrs J.O. Kirk, of Kirklington, North Yorkshire, and Sophie Charlotte, daughter of the Hon Arthur Lawson Johnston, of Odell, Bedfordshire, and the Hon Silvia Lawson Johnston, of London.

Mr S.P. McLaughlin and Miss J.D.L. Galloway
The engagement is announced between Steven Paul, elder son of Mr Richard McLaughlin, of Islington, and Mrs Penelope Foster, of Tunbridge Wells, and Jenny, younger daughter of Squadron Leader J.C. Galloway, of St Ives, Huntingdon, and Mrs Jane Galloway, of Sidmouth, Devon.

Mr O.J.R. Pope and Miss K. Wort
The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Pope, of Wrackleford, Dorset, and Katherine, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Wort, of Bishopstone, Wiltshire.

Mr A.B.G. Redhead and Miss K.S. Heale
The engagement is announced between Alexander, eldest son of Professor and Mrs Michael Redhead, of Orchard Street, Cambridge, and Karen, daughter of Dr and Mrs James Heale, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M.A. Shelton-Agar and Miss S.K. Burge
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Shelton-Agar, of Ram House, Petersfield, Hampshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Burge, of Stoke Trister, Somerset.

Marriages

Mr T.R. Fattorini and Miss M. Barlow
The marriage took place on Friday, March 24, 1995, at Broughton Hall, near Skipton, Yorkshire, between Tom, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.P. Fattorini, and Marie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Barlow, of Congleton, Cheshire.

Mr W.K. Sessions and Mrs E.M. Lidbetter
The marriage took place on May 25, at Taunton, Somerset, of Mrs Eva M. Lidbetter, widow of Martin Lidbetter, and Mr William K. Sessions, widower of Margot, née Lidbetter. Address 6 Rawcliffe Grove, Clifton, York.

School news

Reed's School
Scholarships 1995
11+ Music Scholarship
Alexander Clark, Willington; Andrew Hereward, Danes Hill.
13+ Academic Scholarship
Giles House, Wallop.
13+ Academic Exhibition
Alexander North, Danes Hill.
13+ Art, Music, Technology, All-Round Scholarships
Art: Christopher Alborough, Rokeby. Peter Collie, Yateley Manor. Music: Alexander North, Danes Hill. Technology: Adam Sanders, Denmead. All-Rounder: Damian Hunt, Shrewsbury House.

Quainton Hall School
The centenary of Quainton Hall School will be celebrated in 1997. There will be a series of events throughout the year at which all pupils, staff and parents, past and present, are welcome. If you would like to be included on our mailing list please contact the school. A history of the school is being prepared for the centenary and all former pupils who would like to contribute their experiences or anecdotes of school life are asked to contact the Headmaster, Mr Peter Milner, Hindes Road, Harrow, HA1 1RX. Tel: 0181-427 1304. Fax: 0181-424 0914.

Netherhall House

The Duchess of Kent formally opened the final phase of the new buildings at Netherhall House international university hall of residence for students in Hampstead on May 30. Among those present were:
The Mayor and Mayoress of Camden, the Apostolic Nuncio; the Ambassadors of Fiji and Portugal; the High Commissioners of Australia, India, Uganda, and Mauritius; the Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan, the Hong Kong Commissioner; the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London; Lord Forte, Lord Butterfield, Sir Bernard Audley, Sir Robert Clark, the Hon Sir Rocco Forte (Trustee, Netherhall House Trust), Sir Colin Cowdrey, Sir Alan Harris, Sir Bryan Thwaites and many other friends of Netherhall.

Church news

The Right Rev Jonathan Sansbury Bailey, Bishop Suffragan of Dunwich, to be Bishop of Derby in succession to the Right Rev Peter Spencer Dawes, who resigns on July 31.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Cecil, 1st Earl of Salisbury, statesman, London, 1563; Mikhail Glinka, composer, Novospasskoye, Russia, 1804; Brigham Young, 2nd President of the Mormon Church, Whittingham, Vermont, 1801; John Masefield, Poet Laureate 1930-67, Ledbury, Herefordshire, 1878; John Drinkwater, poet and dramatist, Leytonstone, 1882; Marilyn Monroe, actress, Los Angeles, 1926.

DEATHS: James Gillray, caricaturist, London, 1815; Sir David Wilkie, painter, at sea off Gibraltar, 1841; James Buchanan, 15th American President 1857-61, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 1868; Charles Lever, novelist, Trieste, 1872; Sir Hugh Walpole, novelist, Keswick, 1941; Leslie Howard, actor, killed when his aircraft was shot down, 1943; Ion Antonescu, Romanian dictator, executed, Jilava, 1946; John Dewey, educator and philosopher, New York, 1952; Helen Keller, blind and deaf educator and writer, Easton, Connecticut, 1968.

Television licences were first issued in Britain, 1946.

The submarine *HMS Thetis* sank off Liverpool with the loss of 99 lives, 1939.

The first premium bonds were drawn, 1957.

Rhodesia took the name Zimbabwe, 1979.

Gardeners' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Gardeners' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr D.E.F. Gollin; Upper Warden, Mr I.B. Flanagan; Renter Warden, Mr R.P. Franklin.

Appointment

Mr Anthony J.P. Lombard has been appointed 'ad honorem' Consul of the Republic of Poland at Gibraltar.

Legal appointment

Mr Ian James Dobkin to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the North Eastern Circuit.

Royal engagements

The Queen will visit the Royal Welch Fusiliers Families Centre at Haverfordwest at 2.40.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will visit St David's Cathedral at 10.45; will visit the Bishop's Palace at 12.40; and will open the Trade Fair, Pembroke Dock, at 3.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit St David's Comprehensive School at 2.15; and will visit the Martello Tower, Pembrock Dock at 3.15.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Association of Victims Support Schemes, will preside at the 11th advisory board meeting at Church House at 10.30.

Princess Margaret will visit the Suffolk Agricultural Show at the Suffolk showground, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, at noon.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the Homeopathic Outpatients and Academic Unit at the Bristol Homeopathic Hospital, Cotham Hill, Bristol, at 10.10; as Grand Prior of the Order of St John, will open the new St John Ambulance divisional headquarters at Houndstone Business Park, Yeovil, at 11.25; and will open the new Devon St John Ambulance county headquarters and training centre at 7, 8 and 9, Marlborough Court, Matford Business Park, Exeter, at 1.10.

Princess Alexandra will attend a Garden Party given by the Kent and East Sussex region of the National Trust at Scotney Castle, Lamberhurst, at 2.30.

Lord Adrian

A Memorial Service for the late Lord Adrian will be held at Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday, June 24, at 2.30 pm.

The Hon Lady Johnston

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Elizabeth Johnston will be held at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, on Friday, July 14, 1995, at noon.

Service luncheon

The Light Infantry
The Mayor and Mayoress of Bath were the principal guests at a luncheon of The Light Infantry held yesterday at the Showground of the Royal Bath and West of England Society. Major-General P.J. Bush presided.

Birthdays

Sir Peter Bristow, former High Court Judge, 82; Mr Martin Brundle, racing driver, 36, Sir Frederick Corfield, QC, former MP, 80; Mr Brian Cox, actor and director, 49; Miss Gemma Craven, actress, 45; Lord Deedes, 82; Sir Norman Foster, architect, 60; Mr Bruce George, MP, 53; Mr David Gestetner, president, Gestetner Holdings, 58; Mr Dave Godfrey, governor, Ford Prison, 49; Mr Henry Grunfeld, president, S.G. Warburg Group, 91; Professor Alan Horwich, radiotherapist, 47; Sir Robert Megarry, former Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court, 85; Mr Bob Monkhouse, comedian and broadcaster, 67; Air Commodore R.M.B. Montague, former director, WRAF, 56; the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, 56; Brigadier Alastair Pearson, former Lord-Lieutenant of Dunbartonshire, 80; Professor Paco Peña, flamenco guitarist, 53; Mr Robert Powell, actor, 51; Mr Jonathan Pryce, actor, 48; Mr Gerald Scarfe, artist, 59; Mr Nigel Short, chess player, 30; Mr Allan Stewart, MP, 53; Professor Sir Michael Thompson, Vice-Chancellor, Birmingham University, 64; Sir John Tooley, former general director, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, 71; Mr Philip Turner, former Solicitor to the Post Office, 82; Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, OM, aviation expert, 88; Mr Edward Woodward, actor, 65.

Over Seas Lodge

Mr Anthony Appleton presided at a Ladies Festival to mark the 75th Anniversary of The Over Seas Lodge held on Saturday evening at The New Connaught Rooms, WC2.

Latest wills

Weetman John Churchill Pearson, 3rd Viscount Cowdray, of Cowdray Park, Midhurst, West Sussex, president of the Pearson Group, and chairman of the Hurlingham Polo Association 1947-67, left estate in the UK valued at £59,433,878 net.

Mr John Halas, of Hampstead, London NW3, the film animator who made Britain's first feature length animated film, a cartoon version of George Orwell's *Animal Farm* in 1954, left estate valued at £860,928 net.

Mr Bryan Lean, of Newbold Pacey, Warwickshire, left estate valued at £2,339,991 net.

Mr Samuel Aaron Stamler, QC, of Wembley, Middlesex, a Recorder of the Crown Court 1974-89 and one of the leading commercial practitioners in London, left estate valued at £1,950,898 net.

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Abraham answered: "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets they will pay no heed if someone should rise from the dead." Luke 16 : 31 (REB)

BIRTHS

BEVAN - Mitchell Harry safely arrived on 24th May 1995 to Lesley and Paul.

COPE - On May 23rd at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Emma and Bart, a daughter. Millicent Olivia Clare.

CRAWSHAW - On 28th May 1995, to Lizzie and Peter, a son, Hugh Oliver, a brother to George.

DALEY - On Sunday May 28th 1995, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Hobson) and Michael, a son, Nicholas William.

EL-HAGE - Marsha and Walid at the Wellington Hospital on 30th May a lovely baby boy named Mason Alexandre, a brother for Taylor Selma.

FOWORA - On May 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Gbemi (née Saraki) and Segun, a homey baby boy, a brother for Tiwalola.

FREEMAN - On May 22nd 1995, to Debbie and Mark of Bexleyheath, a son, Connor George.

GREATOREX-BELL - See Suchett-Kaye.

HOLM-KARDER - On April 23rd 1995 at 11.55 am at home, to Casarina and Paul, a beautiful baby son, Dominic Paul Nathan, a brother for Nathan.

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LODGE - On 10th May, to Clarissa (née Sykes) and Tim, a son, George Richard Bertram, a brother for Archie.

LOWSLEY-WILLIAMS - On 30th May, to Joanna (née Shelley) and Patrick, a son, John Patrick, a brother for James Edward.

LYSAGHT - On May 28th, to Rebecca (née Abbott) and David, a daughter, Matilda May.

MACKANESS - On 26th May 1995, at St Thomas' Hospital London, to James and Mary Anne (née Herbert) a daughter, Anastasia Augusta Thane.

McDOUGALL - On May 28th, to Susie (née Tozer) and Torcuil, a daughter, Flora Jane Steele.

MIZEN - On 29th May, to Julia (née Deadman) and Piers, a daughter, Annabel Charlotte.

MUNDY - On May 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Debra (née Hendley) and Tony, a beautiful daughter, Katherine Louise.

PLUNKETT - On 28th May 1995, to Emma (née Hayward) and Stephen, a son, a brother for Hugo.

ROCKEY - On May 18th in Exeter, to Edwina (née Groom) and Graham, God's gift of a son, George James Laurence.

SUCHETT-KAYE - Coryn and Charles are delighted to announce the birth of their son Dominic, a brother for Ivo, born on 30th May 1995 at the Lindo Wing, St Mary's Hospital.

THOMPSON - On Monday May 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Charlotte (née Bradley) and Chris, a son, a brother for Charlie.

WILKINSON - On May 30th, to Henrietta (née Rankin) and Christopher, a daughter, Alicia Rose, a sister for Archie and Jess.

MARRIAGES

ATKINSON-LOCKYER - On 30th May at Tiverton, between Tim, son of Mr & the late Mrs Stanley Atkinson, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr & Mrs Raymond Lockyer.

LEE-MARRIER - On May 26th at Dover of Major Richard Lee, formerly of The Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover and Tackley Rectory, Oxford and Mrs Pamela Marrier, formerly of Wilmington, Eastbourne.

DEATHS

BELLWOOD - On May 28th at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, Thomas Robson, aged 18, dearly loved son of David and Alison and brother of Natasha and Gemma. Private family cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's, Mapleton Road, Sevenoaks, at 11.30 am on Tuesday June 6th. Donations, if desired, to Meldreth Manor School, Meldreth, near Royston, Herts. SG8 6JG.

BREERLEY - On May 27th 1995, Philip, aged 89 years. For 65 years much loved husband of Blanche, dearest father of Penny and Susan, brother of Joan Osborn and devoted grandfather to Michael, Sara, Andrew, Jeremy, Christopher, Nicholas and Alexander and to his six great-grandchildren. Private family cremation will be followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Harefield, on Monday June 5th at 11.30am to which all welcome. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to the British Heart Foundation or to Red Cross, c/o Arnold Funeral Service, 38 Oak End Way, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8BR. tel: (01753) 891892.

BROWN - On May 27th, peacefully, John (former Master St Peter's School York). Funeral Service to be held at St Peter's School Chapel, Bootham, York, on Monday June 5th at 2.15pm, followed by cremation at York Crematorium, Bishopthorpe. Family flowers only. Donations to the M.S. Society. Plate provided at service.

CAMACHO - On May 26th at The Royal Marsden, Sutton, Patricia Joy aged 77 years. Will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral Monday June 10th 3.30 pm Mrs Raymond Lockyer.

CLISSOLD - Mark after a long illness on 19th May. 37 years. Greatly missed son of Ron and Sylvia, brother to Lee, Miles and Cole.

DEATHS

COLE - On Saturday 27th May 1995 at Hull Nuffield Hospital, bravely and calmly, dearly loved Kate, wife of Ken and mother of Jonathan and Rosemary. For funeral details phone (01482) 651882.

ELWELL-SUTTON - Robin Sigismund (Ralph) peacefully at his home in Cotignac, Provence, on 30th May 1995.

HOW - Kay (née Fardon) May 26th in hospital, Wimbledon aged 79. Funeral family only, no flowers. Thanksgiving at Sacred Heart Church Hall Wimbledon 3pm Friday June 2nd. Donations to Friends of St George's Hospital, SW17.

HUCKLE - On May 29th, Sir George Huckle, husband of Mary Huckle, died peacefully in Sudden House Nursing Home, Wincanton, Somerset. Cremation has taken place.

HUDSON - On Friday 26th May 1995, peacefully at Eastbourne, Brigadier Reginald Eustace Hamilton Hudson, D.S.O. (late R.A.), greatly loved uncle of Patricia, Diana, Anne, Michael and Gillian. At rest and reunited with his wife. Funeral at 4 pm on Tuesday 6th June at Eastbourne Crematorium. Flowers or donations to Hulse & Sons, Eastbourne (01323) 727 801.

KETTLE - On 30th May, painlessly at home, Kenneth Barry, aged 76 years. Beloved father of Helen, Alice and Frances. Funeral at Winchester College Chapel on Tuesday 6th June at 1.45pm. Flowers, or donations to The British Heart Foundation c/o Jno Strel & Son, Chesil Rose, Winchester (01962 844044).

LUCY - Eileen Mary of Cambridge, dearly loved wife of Jack, on May 29th 1995. Private funeral service.

MARRIOTT - On 29th May 1995, following a tragic fall in Cyprus, Canon David John Marriott, aged 66, much loved husband of Elizabeth, Lately Vicar of Wye and Rector of Brook. Burial in Cyprus. Thanksgiving Service in Kent will be announced later.

MARTINDALE - Andrew, loved and loving husband of Jane, Professor of Art History at the University of East Anglia, died May 29th aged 62 years after a sudden illness. Funeral Service in Norwich Cathedral on Tuesday June 6th at 2 pm followed by private cremation. (Interment of Ashes in Cathedral Cloister on June 7th). Family flowers only, but donations if wished to Norwich Cathedral Fabric Fund c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 86 Unthank Road, Norwich. Memorial Service in Norwich Cathedral Wednesday July 5th (time to be announced later).

MURPHY - Pamela Mary (née Cardrew), on 30th May at home after an illness magnificently borne, aged 72, widow of Major Keith W.B. Murphy, East Lancashire Regiment. Mother of Hazel and Claire, grandmother to five. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service 11.30 am Tuesday 6th June at St Luke's, Stoke Hammond. Family flowers. Donations for Royal British Legion c/o S.R. Dillemore Ltd., 16 Old Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 7RF.

OBOLENSKY - Prince Michael on May 30th 1995 peacefully at home in Suffolk, much loved by his family and friends. Funeral Service at St Mary Magdalen Church, Ipswich on Tuesday June 6th at 1.30 pm for family and close friends. No flowers please but donations if desired for Cancer Research. Memorial Mass at the Church of Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1 on Friday July 21st at 10.30 am. Further particulars from Farthing, Singleton and Hastings, tel: (01473) 272711.

RAMSEY - On 28th May 1995 suddenly at his home in Eastbourne, Kenneth Wigton, darling husband of Ruby (Sally). Funeral Service at St John's Church, Meads, Eastbourne, on Wednesday 7th June at 2.15pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to British Heart Foundation c/o Hulse & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

SANDILANDS - On 29th May peacefully, Francis Edwin Prescott Sandilands, CBE, KT, beloved husband of Gill, loving father of James and Paul, father-in-law of Gabriele and Charlotte, and grandfather of Christopher, Marietta and Freddie. Funeral on 6th June at 3 pm at St Mary the Virgin, Barnsley, nr. Cirencester, Glos. Thanksgiving Service to be announced later. Family flowers only but donations to The Brain Research Trust. All enquiries Messrs W.S. Bond, tel: (0181) 748-3185.

SHARP - On May 29th 1995, Ruth (née Rimmer) aged 73 years at the Hammersmith Hospital, following major surgery, much loved mother and mother-in-law of Andrew and Kathryn, dearest grandma of Robert, Michael, Thomas and Harriet. Always in our hearts. Funeral Service at All Saints Parish Church, Church Road, Fleet. Hants., on Tuesday 6th June 1995 at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations. If desired, to The Royal Free Liver Support Group, Pond Street, Hampstead, NW3 2QG. Enquiries to A & W Goddard Ltd., (01252) 616431.

TENNANT - On Sunday May 28th at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, aged 76 years, Galina. Wife of Peter, mother of Nicholas and stepmother to Frank, Lotta and Suzie. Deeply loved and sorely missed. Funeral Service on June 6th at Guildford Crematorium at 2pm. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Impact c/o G.M. Luff & Partners, 94 Lion Lane, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 1JH.

TOYE - William Henry, died on May 12th 1995, aged 94 years, in Hearthside Hospital, Birmingham. Dearly loved husband of Violet, deceased 1990, father of Patricia, grandfather of Lisa and Ashley.

UNWIN - On 30th May peacefully at home after a long and brave struggle with illness, Stephen John, dearly loved husband of Janet and father of Sophie and Emily. Thanksgiving Service at St Margaret's Church, Putney, on Thursday June 8th at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to St George's Medical School (Division of Oncology/Vaccine Appeal), St George's Hospital, Tooting or Trinity Hospice, Clapham.

VERNON LAWRENCE - Rosita (Lita) Vaughan, on May 30th peacefully at home aged 96. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of the Burt family. Funeral at 12 noon on Friday 2nd June at St Michael's Church, Highgate, London N6. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Red Cross, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EJ.

WATSON - On May 31st 1995, Group Captain Royston (Roy) R.A.F. retd., D.F.C., A.M., B.A. A gentle and courageous man, much loved husband, father and Opa. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to: St Nicholas Hospice, Bury St Edmunds. Enquiries to L. Fulcher F/D (01284) 754049.

WORLEY - On May 30th 1995 after a long illness. Molly (née Bishop) aged 85, widow of Clifford Worley, formerly of Old Portsmouth, Hampshire, much loved Mother, Grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service to be announced. No flowers by request. If desired donations for the Alzheimer's Disease Society, 158-160 Balham High Road, London SW12 9BN.

WORTERS - On May 28th, peacefully at Ridgeway Manor, Stella aged 95 years, beloved mother of Rosemarie and widow of Hugh. Funeral at All Saints Church, Oxted, on Wednesday June 7th at 3pm. All enquiries to Ebbutts (01883) 713767.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MERTON - Esther. A Memorial Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Mortimer, Berkshire on Saturday 1st July 1995 at 2pm.

URQUHART - Robert. A Memorial Service will be held today, in memory of Robert, at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, at 12 noon.

VENN - George. There will be a memorial service for George Venn who died peacefully in The Algarve on 13th May, at Christ's Chapel, Dulwich Village, London SE21 at 4.30 pm on Friday 23rd June. All his friends will be most welcome.

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OBITUARIES

TED DRAKE

Ted Drake, England and Arsenal footballer and Chelsea manager, died on May 29 aged 82. He was born on August 16, 1912.



TED DRAKE was the epitome of the brave, bulldozing centre forward so typical of English football between the wars. Wholly fearless, his bustling style of play almost invited serious injury, and he had many of them. The last, at Reading in 1945, put an early end to his playing career. By an irony, it was with Reading that he would shortly begin his new career as a manager, passing from Elm Park to Chelsea, with whom he won their solitary championship in 1955.

Drake scored more than 100 goals for Arsenal before the Second World War interrupted his career. His record for the number of goals scored by a player in an away match — all seven in Arsenal's 7-1 victory at Aston Villa on December 14, 1935 — still stands, as does his record of the most goals scored in one season by an Arsenal player — 42 goals in the same season. He was in the Arsenal team which won the League championship in 1934, 1935 and 1938 and scored the winning goal in the FA Cup final in 1936 against Sheffield United. In 1934 he was one of seven Arsenal players chosen to play for England against Italy. It was his first international and he went on to play a further five, scoring six international goals.

Born in Southampton, Ted Drake worked for the Southampton Gas Company after leaving school but his footballing talent was soon spotted by the Saints. He played centre forward for Southampton Boys, then for Winchester City, before being signed on as a professional by Southampton, then a second division team, in 1931. He scored a hat-trick on his debut.

Meanwhile, Drake was also showing much promise as a batsman and played several county cricket championship games for Hampshire, once facing, briefly, the terrifying Nottinghamshire pace attack of Larwood and Voce, before football closed in on his cricketing career.

It was on March 14, 1934, that he was transferred to Arsenal. Their manager, George Allison, had taken the advice of a well-known football journalist, Frank Carruthers, in signing him. Arsenal needed another aggressive centre forward to succeed Jack Lambert and profit from the inspired through passes of their Scottish inside left, Alex James.

Drake proved the perfect replacement. Seven goals in ten matches enabled Arsenal to win the League title. The following season, his record 42 goals materially helped them to take their third successive title.

Although big, he was very fast on his feet and fearless. But he paid a heavy price for his courage. His first grave injury came against Derby County in 1935, when an accidental kick necessitated an operation for a hernia. The following season, playing for England against Wales, he survived tremendous buffeting, until he succumbed to what England and Arsenal's captain, Eddie Hapgood, described as one of the heaviest tackles he had ever seen, by the Welsh centre half, Hanford. Drake was carried off with a damaged cartilage.

In 1934, however, he survived the notorious "battle of Highbury" against Italy in 1934, when it was his early challenge on Luisito Monti, Italy's ruthless Argentine centre half, which started the ensuing mayhem, after only 90 seconds. Monti went off, with a broken bone in his foot, insisting: "He kicked me deliberately", which seemed thoroughly unlikely. Drake subsequently said he couldn't even remember the tackle but the Italians spent much of the rest of the game "retaliating" most violently.

Despite this, England went three goals ahead and, in Drake's opinion: "We were playing the best football it was possible to play. You couldn't have played any better." He got the third goal. England eventually won 3-2.

It was in December 1935 that he performed the remarkable feat of scoring all seven goals against Aston Villa in a 7-1 League win in Birmingham: an eighth attempt hit the bar. Later in the same season he scored the goal at Highbury which relegated Villa to the second division.

Drake in his playing days was an inveterate joker. When the Scottish inside forward, Bobby Davidson, joined Arsenal that year and lodged with Drake, the radio, at lunchtime, once played *God Save The King*. Drake instantly rose to attention. So did a bewildered Davidson — until Drake sat down, and laughed at him.

He won Arsenal the 1936 Cup Final against Sheffield United with a shot from Cliff Bastin's centre, even though his knee was heavily bandaged. It was remarkable that he was playing in the final as it was only three months after he had been injured playing against Wales and the club had gambled on his fitness.

During the Second World War Drake was one of several Arsenal players commissioned in the RAF. He was able to turn out regularly for the club. When the younger Reg Lewis became the centre forward, Drake switched to inside right and began a prolific partnership. Between them, they scored six of Arsenal's seven goals when Charlton Athletic were beaten 7-1 in the final of the League South Cup in May 1943.

After the war he began playing for Reading but while doing so suffered a spinal injury which was too much, even for Drake's remarkable physique. He then became Reading's manager, and was responsible for signing up a young amateur, Jimmy Hill, who went on to become Fulham's chairman and a television commentator.

Managerial success at Elm Park led to his appointment at Chelsea in 1952, where he signed up Terry Venables. His policy of buying players cheaply from the lower divisions paid off handsomely in 1955 when Chelsea won the League championship.

Curiously, when appointed to Chelsea, Drake's natural humour and ebullience became strangely muted. He put on a pin-stripe suit and affected the personality to go with it. Surprisingly, Chelsea sacked him in December 1961, though they had not long before given him a new contract.

Later, he had a short spell as assistant manager of Barcelona, to the Englishman Vic Buckingham. On his return to London he worked for Fulham, subsequently becoming life president at Craven Cottage.

Ted Drake is survived by his wife Ruby and three sons.

MIKE PENTZ

Mike Pentz, Dean of the Faculty of Science, Open University, 1969-85, died from leukaemia at his home in Provence on May 29 aged 70. He was born in Cape Town on November 30, 1924.



A BORN teacher and a distinguished physicist, Mike Pentz was never content with the gifts he had been given. A man who could never do anything by halves, he devoted a large part of his energies to campaigning against nuclear weapons. Elected vice-chairman of CND in the 1980s, he went on to set up Scientists against Nuclear Arms and was largely instrumental in publicising the threat of "the nuclear winter" (a phrase he may well himself have invented). But that was only part of his concern for the future of mankind. He was wholly committed to a fairer society, to the protection of the environment and to the cause of mass education.

He was, no doubt, in part the product of his background. The son of South African Jewish parents, Michael John Pentz started his campaigning early by instigating a strike against what he thought were the unnecessarily harsh and punitive conditions at his conventional boarding school, St Aidan's College, Grahamstown. No sooner had he got to the University of Cape Town than he was organising clandestine evening classes for the young black people in the surrounding community.

What made it more difficult for the authorities was that he was undoubtedly a pupil of unusual brilliance. By the time he was 20 he had taken an honours degree in Physics and Electrical Engineering, graduating as BSc in 1944, and proceeding to an MSc with distinction in 1945.

In 1946 he left South Africa for Britain to work for Metro Vickers in Trafford Park, Manchester. From there he found a post as a research assistant at Imperial College in London — slipping through a net that MI5 had already prepared for him in the light of his political associations. At Imperial College, in conjunction with two other scientists, he constructed a plasma betatron device directed at studies of controlled fusion. It was one of the first such devices to be made — and Pentz himself later admitted it had been slightly naive (he amused his children by describing the basement in which it was located as "the toilet area"). In 1950 all work on controlled fusion in universities ceased by government edict — and Pentz declined the chance of working under official auspices as he did not want to bear any reponsibility for the creation of the British H-Bomb.

He stayed, though, at Imperial College, being promoted to assistant lecturer and then to lecturer. It says something for the academic tolerance prevalent at the time that no obstacle was put in the way of his becoming one of the founders of the Science for Peace organisation and, indeed, the editor of its *Bulletin*. Here he was, no doubt, lucky in enjoying the active support of Professor P. M. S. Blackett, the Professor of Physics at Imperial College, who was himself deeply sceptical about the whole thrust of the Conservative Government's nuclear policy.

In 1957 Pentz decided, however, to move his family to Switzerland where in Geneva he joined the group of internationally-minded scientists working for CERN, becoming the leader of 30 physicists dedicated to designing and building a pioneering particle accelerator. It was a success and Pentz became internationally renowned for the achievement. But he eventually became bored with what he termed his "political exile" in Switzerland and —after a flirtation with the notion of going to live in Cuba — returned to Britain in 1969 to join the academic staff of the just-founded Open University.

His choice as Dean of Science proved an inspired one on the part of the university's founding vice-chancellor, Sir Walter Perry. With his relish for "the tall order", Pentz lost no time in bringing together a team of young academics who proceeded to plan, write and film in preparation for an entirely novel form of higher education. So effective were their endeavours that the OU science course quickly silenced the sceptics and enabled thousands to fulfil their lifetime's ambitions by becoming university graduates.

It was, therefore, something of a surprise when in the mid-1980s — and by then barely 60 — Pentz suddenly announced his resignation and in 1986 left Britain to go to live in France. He may well have hoped to devote his remaining years to the peace movement and conservation of the planet, but ill-health soon supervened, forcing him instead to concentrate his remaining energies on the writing of his memoirs. It was certainly fitting that on the last day of his life he should have seen the wheel come full circle by watching a tape of President Nelson Mandela presiding at the opening ceremony of the Rugby World Cup in South Africa.

Mike Pentz was twice married and leaves his widow, Anne, a daughter from his first marriage, a son and daughter from his second and two stepsons.

TOM HURST

Tom Hurst, founder of the International Network Towards Smoke-Free Hospitals, died on May 23 aged 81. He was born on October 29, 1913.



WHEN a surgeon at Wigan summoned a hospital administrator to the operating theatre, he started Tom Hurst on a campaigning career which introduced National No Smoking Day to Britain. In his professional career Hurst was president of the Institute of Health Services Administrators (now the Institute of Health Services Management) from 1961 to 1962. He pioneered shopping centres in hospitals at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, where he was secretary, and enforced noise reduction. And in retirement he became a familiar figure at company meetings, where he made speeches praising the chairman and board and afterwards persuaded them to make a company contribution to anti-smoking charities.

He believed that hospitals should not just be places for the sick, but real health centres where people could learn about positive health. He was a thirty-cigarettes-a-day man when he first learnt the error of his ways at the Royal Edward Infirmary, Wigan, by witnessing an operation on a young journalist whose lungs had been ruined by smoking. "After the surgeon removed the patient's lung, he told me to put a scapel into it, and black fluid oozed, out," recalled Hurst. Even with this dramatic lesson it took him two or three attempts to give up smoking, but give up he did and became a committed anti-smoker.

Tom William Hurst was born in Magdeburg, Germany, where his father was a British businessman, and was educated at Cockburn High School, Leeds. He entered hospital administration at Leeds General Infirmary in 1932, remaining there until 1948, except for military service in the Intelligence Corps in India. He became assistant house governor, then moving on to adminster Wigan's ten hospital group.

After being hospital secretary at Wigan, he was appointed secretary and treasurer of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, in 1957. The 238-year-infirmary immediately became conscious of a new spirit at the had of its management. "He's a human dynamo," said a member of the board of management, as wards which had not been painted for 20 years were reconstructed and technical innovations were introduced. It was, for instance, the first hospital to introduce closed circuit television for X-ray examinations — and the first hospital to have a branch of the Bank of Scotland. When the new secretary found relatives queueing in the rain, he ordered visiting arrangements to be altered.

Hurst was a tall, handsome, friendly man, who spoke with a slight lisp. He was a hustler, which was not always appreciated. Nor was his wicked sense of humour. "So much to do, so little time to do it," he used to say. He kept a notice in his office: "Hats off to the past: coats off to the future."

An enthusiastic member of the International Hospitals Federation, Hurst visited with his wife hospitals in 44 countries. From the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Hurst joined the Hospital Advisory Service (now the NHS Health Advisory Service), set up under Dr Alex Baker by Dick Crossman, following a series of scandals in long-stay hospitals. From 1971 to 1976 Hurst was the senior hospital administrator on the multi-disciplinary teams investigating and advising on mental handicap and geriatric hospitals.

Hurst's enthusiasm for saving others from the effects of smoking, as he had been, did not always endear him, but he persisted.

He was honoured by the World Health Organisation, whose World No Tobacco Day he helped to launch in the UK in 1988. As chairman, he transformed the National Society for Non-Smokers from a small, evangelical pressure group into a powerful lobby. He formed its National Advice and Treatment Centre at Latimer House, Middlesex Hospital, London. He was a council member of ASH, the government sponsored body for Action on Smoking and Health.

When the National Society for Non-Smokers changed itself into Quit, and Hurst was eased out, he proceeded to identify a new need. Britain's National Health Service had become non-smoking, but abroad much remained to be done to help hospitals set an example in the battle against smoking. So in 1989 he set up a new charity, International Network Towards Smoke-Free Hospitals. He pioneered this until last year when he was struck down by Lewy Body disease, a rapidly advancing from of Alzheimer's disease.

He is survived by his wife Irene, a son and a daughter.

MICK PYNE

Mick Pyne, jazz pianist and cornetist, died in London following a stomach haemorrhage on May 23 aged 54. He was born in Thornton Dale, Yorkshire, on September 2, 1940.

MOVING easily between the modern and mainstream jazz idioms, Mick Pyne played for more than three decades with a wide variety of the top British and American jazz musicians.

Principally self-taught on piano, cornet and tenor saxophone, he moved to London in 1961 and joined the drummer Tony Kinsey with whose quintet he played until the following year. He then became a member of Alexis Korner's Blues Incorporated, the sound of which greatly influenced that of the Rolling Stones.

By the mid-1960s Pyne was regularly playing modern jazz with the Tubby Hayes Quintet and mainstream jazz with the Humphrey Lyttelton Band. He worked with "Humph" continuously for 12 years.

His styles on piano took in influences from, among others, Billy Kyle, Teddy Wilson, Bill Evans and — his favourite — Art Tatum. He derived inspiration from the broadest spectrum of music ranging from Louis Armstrong to John Coltrane and to Delius.

In addition to playing with numerous American jazz stars, including Lee Konitz, Stan Getz — with whom he toured Denmark and Sweden

in 1964 — and Roland Kirk, Pyne found time to lead his own groups which ranged from trios to a big band. He also appeared with the Ronnie Scott Quartet and Georgie Fame's Stardust Roadshow.

Pyne's recording activities yielded several fine albums, notably *Mexican Green* with the Tubby Hayes Quartet (1967), *Once in a While* (1976) with Humprey Lyttelton, *Two of a Kind* (1977) with Jon Eardley, *Alone Together*, a 1977 duet with himself on both piano and cornet, and *The Artistry of Mick Pyne*, a 1988 double album of piano solos which effectively demonstrates the diversity of his jazz styles. He also recorded with Philly Joe Jones, Charles Tolliver and Don Weller.

After solo performances and engagements with Ruby Braff, Buddy Tate and the Charlie Watts Orchestra, Pyne co-formed the band Capital Swing in 1991 and recorded with this group until very recently.

His last engagement, on the night he died, was within the ranks of Keith Smith's Hefty Jazz with Elaine Delmar. He had played with Hefty Jazz for 13 years.

His sudden death comes only a few weeks after that of his slightly older brother, trombonist Chris Pyne.

Mick Pyne is survived by his wife Carol, a son and daughter.

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ON THIS DAY

June 1, 1908

QUEEN'S-HALL.

"THE WRECKERS": Comish Drama in three acts by H.B.
Music by E.M. Smyth.
Conductor——Herr Arthur Nikisch

When the announcement was made that a portion of Miss Smyth's latest opera was to be given in concert-form in London, it was not unnaturally expected that the work would be represented under conditions doubtfully favourable, and that at a concert-performance, with inevitably maimed rites, a good deal of guessing and "make-believe" would have to be done by the audience before any real impression of the drama could be obtained. What must have surprised every one who was in the Queen's-hall on Saturday night was not only the presence of a very large, enthusiastic, and representative audience, but the undoubted fact that the magnificent opera produced the sort of impression which only a stage performance can be expected to make.

Though planned in English, written in French, translated into German, and now sung in German by artists of various nationalities, the libretto is so strong, so direct, and so concise that it makes an immediate appeal, whatever the actual words used. Pascoe, headman of the village and local preacher, encourages his people in their cruel trade, which depends largely upon the regular extinction of lighthouse lamps, and which has lately languished owing to the "treachery" of some one in the village who has been lighting beacons to guide ships into safety. Avis, the lighthouse-keeper's daughter, is moved by jealousy to denounce Pascoe as the traitor, she being unaware that it is Mark who has done the thing. Mark who has forsaken her for the sake of Pascoe's wife, Thirza. The lighting of the beacon by Mark and Thirza is the great climax of the second act, and with their splendid love-duet the selection concert ended on Saturday; the finest dramatic situation was still to come, for when the lovers have left the stage being pursued by the search parties organized in the village to discover the author of the deed, Pascoe enters, and, discovering his wife's shawl by the beacon-fire, falls senseless and is found by the villagers.

The closing act of the drama shows a kind of rough court of justice held in one of the caves from which egress is possible through passages in the rocks which can be closed from the landslide. Hero Pascoe takes upon himself the blame of lighting the beacon, but Mark confesses and at length the lovers are left to the incoming tide . . .

Musically, the performance at the Queen's hall was far better than the initial production of the work at Leipzig. The London Symphony Orchestra, with Herr Nikisch at its head, is something the like of which even the Leipzig theatre cannot now furnish: and Mme. Marchesi and Mr. Coates gave the music of the lovers with such vivid and convincing art that gesture seemed never to be required. Mme. Marchesi not only suggested the histrionic possibilities of the part, but sang the music with exceptional power and style.

THE TIMES TODAY

THURSDAY JUNE 1

NEWS

UN chief urges Bosnia pullback

■ The United Nations Secretary-General appeared to be preparing to pull troops back from UN "safe areas" in Bosnia-Herzegovina, just as Parliament gave John Major overwhelming support to send 6,000 more men to the former Yugoslav republic.

Boutros Boutros Ghali warned Britain and other countries against using more force in Bosnia and made clear that if they wanted to take a more robust approach to the Bosnian Serbs, they would have to form a multinational force rather than do it under the UN flag ..... **Pages 1, 10, 12, 15**

British Gas shareholders' anger

■ Angry shareholders overwhelmingly voted against the reappointment of four British Gas directors during an ill-tempered five-hour meeting in London ..... **Pages 1, 11**

Phone bill cuts

British Telecom is cutting the cost of the average phone bill by a further £8 a year when it begins charging for calls by the second and cuts the cost of weekend local calls ..... **Page 1**

Maxwell trial opens

Kevin and Ian Maxwell, the youngest sons of Robert Maxwell, the late publishing tycoon, went on trial at the Old Bailey — three-and-a-half years after their father was found dead in the sea off Tenerife ..... **Pages 1, 6, 7**

Prince in Dublin

The Prince of Wales arrived in Dublin to begin the first official royal visit to the city for 84 years, and the first to the Irish Republic since the country wrested its independence, first from Westminster and ultimately from the British crown ..... **Page 2**

Heroic effort

Tales of the heroism of the *Maria Asumpta* crew unfolded as it emerged that a 23-year-old Cornishman had fought in vain to save the lives of the two women on board ..... **Page 3**

Reeve 'paralysed'

Christopher Reeve may be paralysed from the neck down and fighting for his life, according to sources at the University of Virginia hospital where the actor, who starred as Superman, was taken after a weekend riding accident ..... **Page 3**

Hospital visiting

Barbara Mills, the Director of Public Prosecutions, spent the day at the hospital bedside of her husband, John, as he recovered after being stabbed by muggers near their home ..... **Page 5**

Mayans' decline

The Mayan civilisation, which flourished for more than 2,000 years and then abruptly declined, may have been the victim of climate change ..... **Page 8**

Lack of literacy

One in five school-leavers lacks the literacy and numeracy skills demanded at work, according to a new report ..... **Page 9**

Housing traps

Russia may have to rehouse tens of thousands of inhabitants in the Far East, after this week's earthquake showed that blocks of flats will become death traps if there are more tremors ..... **Page 16**

Nato accord

Russia formally agreed to a new security relationship with Nato that will guarantee consultation on key military and political issues ..... **Page 16**

Waco hearings

The US Congress begins hearings next month into the Waco siege, amid increasing evidence that there were few hard facts to sanction the government raid on the Branch Davidian sect two years ago ..... **Page 17**

US Indians ask to resume whaling

■ A tribe of American Indians has applied to resume whaling more than 70 years after its government imposed a ban. The Makah, whose reservation is at a disused US Army engineering camp at Neah Bay, Washington, told the International Whaling Commission meeting in Dublin that they needed the mammals for tribal rituals ..... **Page 9**



Two children watching their father, a pilot, prepare his helicopter for Bosnia at RAF Dishworth, York, yesterday. Reports, pages 1, 10, 12, 15

BUSINESS

Chrysler: Kirk Kerkorian, the secretive billionaire, withdrew his $22.8 billion bid for Chrysler, America's third largest car maker ..... **Page 25**

Shipyards: British Aerospace has launched a renewed bid of £678 million for VSEL, Britain's largest warship builder, setting the scene for a resumed battle with GEC for domination of the defence industry ..... **Page 25**

Currencies: The major central banks staged an ambush for sellers of the US dollar ..... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 9.5 points to 3319.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 84.0 to 84.3 after a fall from $1.6015 to $1.5897 but a rise from DM2.2258 to DM2.2455 ..... **Page 28**

SPORT

Rugby union: England reached the quarter-finals of the World Cup with a 27-20 win over Italy. Australia also qualified, and Ireland beat Japan 50-28 ..... **Pages 44, 48**

Football: Tottenham, Wimbledon and Sheffield Wednesday have entered the controversial Intertoto Cup, which starts on June 24 and is a qualifying event for the Uefa Cup ..... **Page 48**

Tennis: Pete Sampras, the No 2 seed, was knocked out in the first round of the French Open by the unseeded Gilbert Schaller, of Austria ..... **Page 46**

Cricket: The draw for the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup paired Kent with Somerset and Worcestershire with Lancashire ..... **Page 42**

ARTS

New on film: Elizabeth Hurley looks good in *Mad Dogs and Englishmen*, but on every other front it's a bad British movie; Rosie Perez squawks her way through *Somebody to Love* ..... **Page 35**

London theatre: Brian Cox's flawed production of *Richard III* launches the Open Air summer season in Regent's Park; the Redgraves resurrect *The Fireraisers* for their anti-Fascist season at the Riverside ..... **Page 35**

Beautiful building: Marcus Binney admires the confident style of John Outram's new business school for Cambridge ..... **Page 36**

Operatic high: An outstanding production of Britten's *Billy Budd* at Covent Garden is only for those with strong stomachs ..... **Page 37**

Preview: The ordeal of Christine Beale, the Briton accused in New York of murdering her baby, is charted in *Inside Story* (BBC1, 10pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond enjoys the Indian summer of Sir John Harvey-Jones ..... **Page 47**

Emergency call

John Major's Bosnia speech, one of his best Commons performances, was further evidence that the monstrous conduct of the Bosnian Serbs has finally begun to blow Western policy on the Balkans out of the doldrums ..... **Page 21**

Sid turns up the heat

At British Gas's annual meeting, shareholders were adamant that they wanted the firm to improve its procedures ..... **Page 21**

Mayan mystery

New research argues that a prolonged drought, the product of sharp climatic changes in the region, spelt the end of the Mayan civilisation ..... **Page 21**

Friendly fire: Dr James Le Fanu on how the body's auto-immune system can turn on healthy cells and destroy them ..... **Page 18**

Street life: "The way the area is going upmarket is going to make it unsafe," says a Camden resident on the stabbing of John Mills. Giles Coren reports ..... **Page 19**

Raleigh's quest: Peter Ackroyd reviews Charles Nicholl's re-creation of the great Elizabethan explorer's hunt for El Dorado ..... **Page 39**

Judging Jeffrey: The lives of Lord Archer: Daniel Johnson on Michael Crick's biography ..... **Page 38**

The meaning of art: Roger Scruton on aesthetics, Peter Mandler and Marcus Binney on architecture, plus new Irish fiction and neuroscience ..... **Pages 38, 39**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

I jotted impressions in a notebook. "Jacques Santer. How like John Major — decent, rational, unexciting. Commonplace arguments. Does not tackle any of the difficulties, does not even admit the dangerous consequences of dividing Europe between a single currency core and an outer rim of independent currencies" ..... **Page 20**

LAWRENCE FREEDMAN

A substantial contingent of American troops in Bosnia would transform the situation and oblige the Bosnian Serbs to reappraise their position. It would not be necessary or sensible to declare this to be a war-fighting force, designed to work with the Bosnian Army in pushing back the Serbs ..... **Page 20**

Ted Drake, England footballer and Chelsea manager: Mike Pentz, former Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, Open University; Tess Hurst, founder of the International Network Towards Smoke-Free Hospitals; Miek Pyne, jazz pianist and cornet player ..... **Page 21**

UK involvement in Bosnia; originality and banality in modern classical music ..... **Page 21**



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ ROLE MODELS
Valerie Grove talks to Corin Redgrave about the life and loves of his father

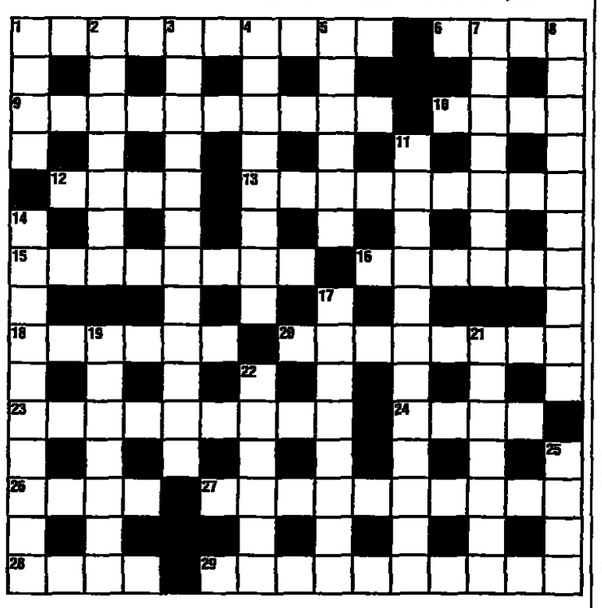
■ HOT RODDING
David Sinclair on the new Rod Stewart album, and Paul Sexton talks to Joan Armatrading



The ink was barely dry on the "framework" agreement between Israel and Syria announced last week before Syria was hinting it isn't worth the paper it's written on ... a perfect illustration of the Alice-in-Wonderland quality of Middle East peace negotiations
— The Washington Times

Bosnia has been disastrous for solidarity of the Western alliance. A gesture of loyalty now cannot turn bad into good, but can at least prevent bad from turning to worse
— Los Angeles Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,870



ACROSS

1 Fraud on little woman — man to answer for it (2,3,5).
6 Rocks make voyage change direction (4).
9 English composer replaces nothing in hit — he's a know-all (6,4).
10 Fellow takes shelter in Levant (4).
12 Continue being a fool (4).
13 Searching the dictionary for 'on the mend' (7,2).
15 It helps in setting a leg that's broken; can end in cure (8).
16 Village hero (6).
18 Recompense the artist Turner (6).
20 Fix puncture — a minor irritation (3-5).
23 Bird seen to behave amorously more than once (9).
24 Old-fashioned American muffin — cake-like, to some extent (4).
26 I don't like your leads, but in vain (4).
27 Rival good, but short of one skill (10).
28 Not a single sister, by the sound of it (4).
29 Pong is softened, modified (10).

DOWN

1 Plant cut back (4).
2 Leaflets could be loftier (7).
3 Surprising gentry with tinier token of affection (8,4).
4 Benefit entirely absorbed by regular outgoing — that stinks! (8).
5 Mothball used where larva is found (6).
7 'Criminal!', I shall say, 'Gangster!' (7).
8 Mr. Grimes and his like conduct a lottery (10).
11 Sorry girl's given the job (12).
14 Put out, group leader organises an attack (10).
17 Left in poor health, I acquire place in the country (8).
19 Court — girl turned up in a sweater (7).
21 Make cross part of religious ceremonial (7).
22 Wrap novel concerning love (6).
25 Birds think out loud (4).

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☐ **London, Central N, NW, Central S, SE England, E, W Midlands, Wales, Lake District:** dry with sunny intervals. Wind northwest, light. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **E Anglia, NE, E England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** sunny intervals and scattered showers. Wind northwest light. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England:** rather cloudy. Patchy rain and drizzle. Wind west to northwest light. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** mainly dry but rather cloudy. Wind northwest light to moderate. Max 16C (61F).

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☐ **Outlook:** fairly cloudy, though some sunny spells. Showers or outbreaks of rain.

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Anglesey	5.8	0.12	17	63	r	London	3.3	0.01	20	68	c
Aspatria	4.5	0.11	15	59	sh	Lowestoft	4.8	0.02	17	63	sh
Aviemore	3.0	0.04	14	57	sh	Manchester	3.4	-	16	61	b
Belfast	1.0	0.08	15	59	sh	Margate	8.0	-	19	66	b
Birmingham	1.2	0.08	16	61	sh	Minehead	6.9	0.01	15	59	b
Bognor R	9.7	-	19	66	b	Morecambe	5.7	0.02	16	61	s
Bournem'th	3.9	0.01	18	64	b	Newcastle	7.1	-	18	64	s
Bristol	1.3	0.07	15	59	sh	Newquay	X				
Buxton	3.5	0.06	15	59	s	Norwich	7.5	0.23	18	64	sh
Cardiff	4.1	-	17	63	sh	Nottingham	X				
Clacton	13.5	-	17	63	s	Oxford	2.0	0.50	14	57	sh
Colwyn Bay	6.5	0.02	15	59	s	Penzance	7.5	-	17	63	s
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Glasgow	5.6	0.03	17	63	sh	Shrewsbury	5.3	0.06	17	63	b
Guernsey	10.4	-	17	63	s	Skegness	1.5	0.17	16	61	sh
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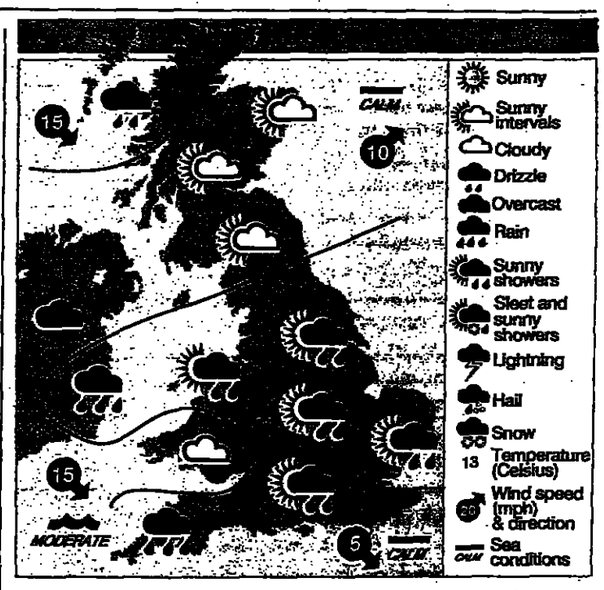
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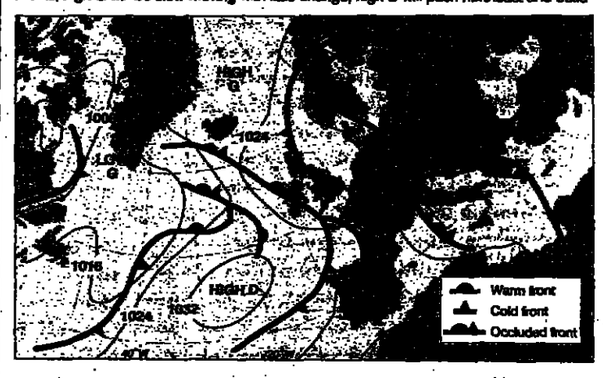
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Alcrotri	24	75	s	Corfu	25	77	s	Majorca	22	72	s
Alex'dria	25	77	f	Dublin	13	55	c	Malaga	23	73	s
Algiers	23	73	t	Dubrovnik	22	72	c	Malta	25	77	s
Amst'dm	17	63	f	Faro	23	73	s	Melb'rne	13	55	s
Athens	28	82	s	Florence	18	61	r	Mexico C	22	72	t
Bahrain	34	93	s	Frankfurt	14	57	c	Miami	30	86	f
Bangkok	34	93	f	Funchal	23	73	s	Milan	17	63	r
Barbados	-	-		Geneva	13	55	r	Montreal	20	68	c
Barcelona	20	68	s	Gibraltar	22	72	f	Moscow	26	82	s
Beirut	25	77	f	Helsinki	25	77	s	Munich	17	63	c
Belgrade	29	84	s	Hong K	30	86	c	Naples	22	72	t
Berlin	15	61	c	Innsbruck	15	59	r	N Delhi	42	108	s
Bermuda	25	77	f	Istanbul	-	-		N York	20	68	f
Biarritz	13	55	r	Jeddah	40	104	s	Nice	18	61	r
Borde'x	17	63	c	Jo'burg	17	63	s	Oslo	16	61	r
Brussels	17	63	s	Karachi	35	95	s	Paris	18	64	s
Budapst	27	81	s	L Palmas	25	77	s	Peking	29	84	s
B Aires	18	61	c	Le Touet	17	63	f	Perth	18	64	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Lisbon	28	79	s	Prague	19	66	f
Cape Tn	-	-		Locarno	18	64	t	Reykjavik	11	52	c
Chicago	26	79	s	L Angels	19	66	c	Rhodes	24	75	s
Ch'church	11	52	-	Luxembg	13	55	r	Rio de J	19	66	f
Cologne	17	63	f	Luxor	40	104	s	Riyadh	39	102	s

Rome	21	70	f	Salzburg	22	72	c
S Frisco	14	57	f	Santiago	21	70	c
S Paulo	18	64	c	Seoul	23	73	s
Sing'por	33	91	f	Stockhlm	25	77	f
Strasb'rg	13	55	c	Sydney	16	61	r
Tangier	25	77	s	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Tenerife	28	82	s	Tokyo	25	77	s
Toronto	23	73	s	Tunis	25	77	f
Valencia	24	75	s	Venc'ver	16	64	s
Venice	19	66	c	Vienna	23	73	f
Warsaw	26	79	f	Washton	21	70	c
Wel'ngton	12	54	s	Zurich	12	54	r

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Aberdeen	2:55	3.91	3:21	3.82	Liverpool	0:31	8.82	0:52	8.73
Avonmouth	8:45	12.18	8:57	12.29	Lowestoft	11:01	2.48	11:33	2.25
Belfast	0:24	3.55	0:45	3.16	Margate	1:22	4.41	1:32	4.32
Cardiff	8:38	11.35	8:48	11.58	Milford Haven	7:47	6.25	7:58	6.33
Devonport	7:18	4.95	7:31	5.14	Newquay	6:37	6.26	6:55	6.35
Dover	0:24	6.28	0:46	6.34	Oban	7:19	3.69	7:24	3.73
Dublin	0:59	3.95	1:21	3.73	Penzance	6:13	4.91	6:31	5.04
Falmouth	6:36	4.61	6:55	4.91	Portland	8:13	1.78	8:25	1.86
Glasgow	2:18	4.72	2:48	4.23	Portsmouth	0:26	4.46	1:03	4.48
Harwich	1:14	3.76	1:25	3.79	Shoreham	0:26	5.77	0:55	5.76
Holyhead	12:00	5.03	—	—	Southampton	0:05	4.28	0:29	4.24
Hull	7:45	7.00	8:11	6.74	Swansea	7:56	8.88	8:08	8.77
Ilfracombe	7:33	8.29	7:43	8.36	Tees	5:07	5.01	5:24	4.80
King's Lynn	7:49	6.24	8:06	6.07	Wilton-on-Ntss	1:03	3.90	1:13	3.97

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Sun rises: 4.50 am
Sun sets: 9.08 pm
Moon sets: 11.12 pm
Moon rises: 7.36 am
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London 9.06 pm to 4.49 am
Bristol 9.17 pm to 4.59 am
Edinburgh 8.46 pm to 4.35 am
Manchester 9.27 pm to 4.46 am
Penzance 9.23 pm to 5.17 am

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Regulator 'has cost British Gas £3bn'

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

TIGHTENING regulation since privatisation has cost British Gas £3 billion in lost profits, Richard Giordano, the chairman, said yesterday.

Detailing the company's declining share of industrial and commercial markets to investors at the company's annual meeting, Mr Giordano said profits had fallen in each of the past four years. "Now we must move very fast indeed in order to be able to be ready for the competition we shall soon face in the domestic gas market," he said.

Halting the decline and stabilising the earnings and cash flow from the UK gas business was the cornerstone of the company's strategy. But growth must come from overseas. Oil and gas exploration and production was now a large part of the business, accounting for 28 per cent of operating profits last year.

The board had four tasks, he told more than 4,500 shareholders gathered in the London Arena. It must see through the restructuring needed to arrest the decline in the company's performance. It must achieve regulatory stability over the next two to three years. It must "deepen the commercial resources of British Gas management ... so we can move forward to implement what will be an ambitious international strategy." And the top management must focus strategies more sharply than it had in the past.

Mr Giordano made no concessions to shareholders over pay rises awarded to executive directors, however. Despite intense hostility focused on the 75 per cent rise, to £475,000, given to chief executive Cedric Brown, protests from the 4,500 shareholders in attendance were crushed by the massive voting power vested in the board by institutions.

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Some are more equal than others: British Gas workers picketed yesterday's annual meeting with the help of a pig, christened Cedric for the day

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3319.4	(+9.5)
Yield	4.15%	
FT-SE A All share	1632.56	(+4.62)
Nikkei	15436.79	(-326.18)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4398.74	(+20.06)*
S&P Composite	526.58	(+3.00)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6¼%*	(6⅛%)
Long Bond	112²⁄₃₂*	(112⁷⁄₃₂)
Yield	6.68%*	(6.86%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⅝%	(6⅝%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	107½	(107²⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5870*	(1.6015)
London:		
$	1.5865	(1.6013)
DM	2.2423	(2.2218)
FFr	7.8710	(7.8400)
SFr	1.8507	(1.8314)
Yen	134.22	(132.79)
£ Index	84.3	(84.0)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4130*	(1.3883)
FFr	4.9615*	(4.8965)
SFr	1.1675*	(1.1445)
Yen	84.60*	(82.73)
$ Index	88.7	(87.7)

Tokyo close Yen 83.25

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug) $17.30 ($17.45)

GOLD

London close $384.25 ($384.95)

* denotes midday trading price

Kingfisher and Pru investors speak out

BY SARAH BAGNALL AND SARA MCCONNELL

KINGFISHER, the retailing group that ousted four directors this year, faced a lively annual meeting yesterday, during which shareholders expressed puzzlement over the divergent paths of executive pay and the group's performance.

James Edwards, a shareholder, said: "It seems to me that pay at the top is spiralling upwards as profits spiral downwards." Kingfisher, which includes B&Q, Woolworths and Comet, saw profits fall from £309 million to £244 million in the year to January 28. In the same year, directors' total pay rose slightly, although the pay of Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive, fell from £1.3 million to under £1 million.

Sir Nigel Mobbs, chairman, said sales from continuing businesses rose 5 per cent in the 13 weeks to April 29, but Comet, the electrical chain, was expected to make a bigger interim loss.

Meanwhile, shareholders in the Prudential gave their board an easy ride at the annual meeting. Any awkward questions about pay or pensions' mis-selling were effectively stifled by the reminder that pre-tax profits of £603 million had been made last year.

Only four questioners dared break the quiescent mood of the meeting. One questioner demanded to know whether the board had kept its auditors fully informed of the "material facts" of its exposure to mis-selling of personal pensions and how many policies were involved.

Sir Brian Corby, the Pru's outgoing chairman, put on a brave face: "We are not yet in a position to quantify the extent of mis-selling and therefore of compensation," he said.

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Central banks act to bolster dollar

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE world's central banks launched a support operation for the dollar yesterday. But in spite of the element of surprise, the move was only a limited success.

The US Federal Reserve was joined by the Bundesbank, the Bank of Japan and several other European central banks, including the Bank of England, in repeated and aggressive waves of dollar-buying against the mark and the yen.

Robert Rubin, US Treasury Secretary, said yesterday's moves were in line with the exchange rate objectives outlined in the April 25 communiqué of the G7 in Washington that expressed concern that weakness in the dollar did not reflect economic fundamentals.

The buying started soon after US markets opened and in the immediate aftermath of figures showing a surprising downward revision of US first quarter gross domestic product to 1.1 per cent, from 2.8 per cent. It is estimated the intervention at about $2 billion.

However, the dollar bounced only a limited way. Before the intervention, it had been trading at about DM1.3850 and Y82.50. It then hit highs of DM1.4190 and Y85.30, but started sliding back again as London markets closed to trade at about DM1.4120 and Y84.50.

Tony Norfield, treasury economist at ABN-Amro in London, said: "This has provided a useful blip up in the dollar, but I don't believe the intervention has worked and the effect will be short-lived."

The action came out of the blue for traders, who had come to discount intervention as a policy option. An aggressive attempt by the Fed to support the dollar last May signally failed to have any effect, as did more modest efforts in March and April. Yesterday's effort had some elements in its favour, not least that last week's sudden plunge in the dollar had left traders with very large short positions. The stage was set for a classic "bear squeeze".

Julian Jessop, international economist at HSBC Markets, said the move appeared to be a way of reminding the markets that the dollar was a two-way bet, but he did not regard it as successful. He added: "I think the central banks have tried to be clever, but this has been lost on the markets."

There were many interpretations of yesterday's move. Some saw it simply as a worried response to last week's dollar slump after a period of apparent solidity and a bid for currency stability before the G7 meets in Halifax, Nova Scotia, later this month.

Some dealers speculated that the Fed already had sight of tomorrow's non-farm payroll figures and that these are very weak. A more mainstream view was that the Bundesbank may be preparing to cut interest rates as part of an attempt to protect the German economy from the ravages of a very strong mark.

The Bundesbank's policy-making council meets today and could conceivably cut its repo rate. However, the German central bank left the repo unchanged yesterday and some economists believe it may wait until its next meeting on June 14 to announce any rate cut. This would have the advantage of coming just before the G7 summit.

The pound was dragged up by the dollar, ending at 84.3 against a basket of currencies, compared with 84.0 at Tuesday's close.

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Kerkorian drops bid for Chrysler

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

KIRK KERKORIAN, the secretive billionaire who astonished Wall Street in April with his bid for the Chrysler Corporation, yesterday said that he wanted to reconsider his options and withdrew the $22.8 billion offer for America's third-largest carmaker.

Tracinda, the Kerkorian company, which owns the largest single stake in Chrysler, said that its shares were not for sale as Chrysler stock slipped 50 per cent to $42.125 in early trading in New York.

In April, with the backing of Lee Iacocca, the former chairman of Chrysler, Mr Kerkorian said that he would bid for the remaining 90 per cent. It was the largest single takeover bid since RJR Nabisco was bought more than six years ago for $25 billion.

Chrysler rejected the informal $55-a-share offer, saying that it was not for sale and that its directors did not want to put the company at risk. Mr Kerkorian, 77, was unable subsequently to line up investors to make the deal happen.

Yesterday, Alex Yemenidjian, an executive for Mr Kerkorian, said that the proposal was being withdrawn, but that there were no plans to change Tracinda's goals. He said: "We have been Chrysler's largest shareholder for nearly five years and remain committed to maximising value for all shareholders while keeping the company well managed, conservatively financed and fully competitive ... Withdrawing our offer will permit us to take a fresh look at the situation and evaluate our alternatives."

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Off the rails

Eurotunnel warned its shareholders yesterday that the company is heading for a showdown with its banks this autumn when it reaches the end of its funding facilities. Sir Alastair Morton, the co-chairman of Eurotunnel, said: "Our banks will ask us some very searching questions in three to four months time."

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Dropped stitch

Dawson International, the Scottish knitwear group, said that short-term profits' growth would be hit by rising prices of cashmere, wool and cotton coupled with low consumer confidence and strong competition.

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Tokyo shares tumble as Expo 96 is scrapped

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

SHARE prices in Tokyo yesterday fell to their lowest level since 1992, partly in response to a decision by the Governor of Tokyo to cancel an international exposition scheduled for next year.

Yukio Aoshima, who was elected governor recently, announced that he would stand by his campaign pledge to cancel the World City Expo 96.

The 204-day event was to have involved the United Nations and the private and public sectors in leading cities throughout the world, including London. Pavilions, office blocks and other buildings for the exposition are under construction.

The benchmark Nikkei index of 225 selected issues fell sharply after Mr Aoshima's announcement, at one stage losing 470 points to reach a record low for the year. The index recovered slightly to close at 15,436.79, down 326.18 points from Tuesday's close.

Traders, however, said that growing concerns about Japan's economy would continue to drag down share prices. Some predicted the index could reach 14,500 in the near future. Wednesday's stock market slump came after the release on Tuesday of weak economic data for April.

Kosaku Inaba, chairman of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, urged the Government to compensate companies and business organisations for losses related to the cancellation.

He said many companies and organisations had invested large amounts of capital in the project since 1990, when plans were first drawn up.

Japan's looming trade war with America and the renewed surge of the yen against the dollar are adding to Tokyo's concerns.

Hogg joins economic consultants

BARONESS HOGG, the former head of John Major's policy unit, who left Number Ten last February, is to become a director of London Economics, the economic consultancy, from September.

The former Sarah Hogg will work on two major projects on European competitiveness and the internal market, and she will lead a team assessing the impact of regulation on business. She will also be involved in industrial restructuring in developing countries.

She started at Number Ten in December 1990 after a media career that included a spell as economics editor of *The Times*.

BAe rejoins takeover battle for VSEL



Evans: help with exports

BY ROSS TIEMAN

BRITISH AEROSPACE yesterday launched a renewed bid for VSEL, Britain's largest warship builder. The offer, worth £678 million, sets the scene for BAe to resume its battle with GEC for domination of Britain's defence industry.

BAe's renewed terms are identical to those that lapsed when its last offer, together with that of GEC, was referred to the Monopolies Commission on December 7. But nine days ago Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, rejected a majority recommendation from the MMC that GEC be blocked, and cleared both companies to bid again.

VSEL shareholders are being offered 3.3 new shares in BAe in exchange for each of their VSEL shares, with a cash alternative of £16. VSEL, which would like a larger partner to underwrite its forthcoming £3.5 billion bid to build five Trafalgar class nuclear submarines, advised shareholders to take no action. Under the City takeover code, GEC has a further 12 days to launch a new offer.

Dirk Evans, BAe's chief executive, said buying VSEL would enhance BAe's position as Europe's leading defence company by adding warships to its portfolio of aircraft, missiles and guns. BAe's international marketing network would improve VSEL's chances of winning export orders, while sheltering the company's profits from tax.

VSEL's directors have insisted they do not mind whether BAe or GEC becomes their new owner. BAe's bid for VSEL poses a threat to the warship business of GEC's defence subsidiary, GEC-Marconi. GEC is already leading a consortium bidding against VSEL for the Trafalgar order. The MMC inquiry decided that MoD work alone was unlikely to sustain activity both at VSEL and at GEC-Marconi's Yarrow yard on the Clyde.

GEC has long had ambitions to join its defence business to that of BAe. A standstill agreement, that prevents GEC bidding for BAe, expires on June 30.

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North-South divide narrowed by recession

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE South East of England remains the United Kingdom's wealthiest region but the traditional North-South divide has narrowed, backing up claims that the South was disproportionately hit during the last recession.

These are some of the messages to emerge from the Central Statistical Office's regional accounts for 1993 that track personal income per head and consumer spending.

The South East, with 30 per cent of Britain's population, accounted for nearly 35 per cent of total UK personal income in 1993. The share of personal income per head of population in Greater London — at £11,982 — was about 21 per cent higher than the national average of £9,890. Consumer spending in Greater London was £8,555 per head in 1993, the highest in Britain, and was more than 23 per cent higher than the UK national average.

In contrast, income per head in Wales was £8,655, 12 per cent lower than the national average; in Northern Ireland it was £8,671, 13 per cent below the average.

These regional winners and losers show little change from the broad trends obvious for some years. However, the CSO figures show that there has been some narrowing of the gap between the richest and poorest regions.

In the ten years from 1983 to 1993, Greater London and the rest of the South East have seen declines in personal incomes relative to the average, particularly in the last four to five years. This appears to reflect the severity of the recession in the region.

Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the North and North West all saw declines compared with the average in the first half of the decade, but all showed significant increases — clearly at the expense of traditionally better off regions — in the second half. East Anglia and Scotland now appear to have established positions above the UK average with Scotland rising in each of the last four years.

In the last four years of available statistics from 1988 to 1992, some counties have seen dramatic changes in their positioning on household income per head, compared with the UK average. The largest increases in this period were in Northumberland and Tayside, up from 90 per cent and 95 per cent respectively to 99 per cent and 104 per cent. Surrey, although still the richest county, fell from 143 per cent of the national average to 126 per cent.

The CSO differentiates between income derived from wages and other sources of income. In Greater London, about 61 per cent of household income per person came from wages and salaries, compared with about 51 per cent in Wales. Social Security accounted for about 13 per cent of household incomes per head in Northern Ireland, compared with about 8 per cent for the UK as a whole. However, the CSO noted that Northern Ireland has a higher proportion of children under 16 than any other region in the United Kingdom.

Eurotunnel set for autumn bank showdown

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

EMBATTLED Eurotunnel shareholders were yesterday warned that the company is heading for a showdown with its banks this autumn when it reaches the end of its funding facilities.

Speaking at Eurotunnel's annual meeting, in London, Sir Alastair Morton, the co-chairman, said: "Our banks will ask us some very searching questions in three to four months' time."

Sir Alastair, who astonished investors in April with a warning that the company risked being "overwhelmed" by its £8 billion debt burden, said that tough negotiations with the 225-bank syndicate would begin in the late summer.

He dismissed speculation that the company was facing imminent financial collapse. "We do not intend going bust this autumn," he told several hundred shareholders gathered at Westminster Central Hall.

Sir Alastair predicted that the banks will claim that the company's projected cash flow through to the end of 1999 is insufficient to meet its £2 million-a-day interest bill.

"It is not possible to say whether they are wrong or right," said Sir Alastair, who was given a warm reception by shareholders. "The answer does not lie in seeking yet more debt . . . The answer lies in reducing the annual interest costs."

All options to achieve this goal, including agreeing lower rates of interests with the banks, or refinancing existing debt with lower-cost debt, were open, Sir Alastair said, although he ruled out a further rights issue. The company's future could also be secured by a successful arbitration in its £2 billion legal dispute with the French and British operators of Eurostar.

Eurotunnel will effectively run out of funds at the end of October, when the banks will decide whether, and on what terms, to extend the debt facility. They have granted Eurotunnel £300 million to see it through its first crucial summer. The banks will decide in autumn whether to extend a further £400 million to cover Eurotunnel's financial needs until the end of next summer.

The banks had already received £615 million in fees and interest margin on money they had lent Eurotunnel, whereas shareholders had yet to receive a penny of dividend, Sir Alastair said.

Georges-Christian Chazot, the chief executive, said that Eurotunnel was now the market leader on the freight service between Dover and Calais, capturing 35 per cent of the market. On the passenger service, Le Shuttle had reached 30 per cent of the Dover/Calais market. The Easter weekend had seen record levels of business with more than 22,000 vehicles passing through the tunnel over the holiday weekend.

On July 10 Le Shuttle would be stepping up its passenger services from the current two an hour during peak hours to three an hour and four during the busiest periods. From July 2 Eurostar services between Waterloo and Paris and Brussels would be stepped up from 20 a day to 30 a day.

Graham Corbett, Eurotunnel's chief financial officer, said that the company's revenues were already covering its operating costs and would exceed all non-interest costs by next month. He also announced that the proportion of sterling debt at fixed rates had been increased from 46 per cent to 50 per cent, while the proportion of French franc fixed rate debt had increased from 24 per cent to 33 per cent. Despite lower than projected revenues, Eurotunnel had succeeded in preserving its cash resources through cost reductions, he told shareholders.

Eurotunnel is still operating only six of the nine Le Shuttle passenger trains ordered because of late delivery by the manufacturers. The final three are due to be brought into service in July. Eurotunnel shares fell 6p to 182p.

STEWART GOLDSTEIN



Paying the piper: Lord Younger of Prestwick, chairman, of the Royal Bank of Scotland, prepares for the opening of the bank's new London headquarters

Video on demand to be tested

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THREE UK cable companies are to start video-on-demand and interactive television trials this year.

Bell Cablemedia, Nynex Cablecoms and TeleWest Communications hope that the project will help to establish standards allowing creation of a single, national network of multimedia broadband services.

The trial, expected to last 18 months to two years, will include laboratory tests, a technical field trial and a market trial in at least 2,000 paying customers' homes. Services will include home shopping and banking, advertising, education and public information. The three participants said they hope for approaches from other cable companies.

Alan Bates, chief executive of Bell Cablemedia, said: "The UK cable communications industry is building the superhighway today. This endeavour between three leading cable operating companies will assist in enabling products and services to be developed and trialled on behalf of the industry as a whole."

The alliance follows the launch of two other video-on-demand trials, one by British Telecom in Colchester and Ipswich and another by Cambridge Cable and Online Media in Cambridge.

Video-on-demand is also being tested by British Telecom, and by Cambridge Cable and Online Media.

Candy 'will develop Hoover brand name'



Foust: lost his job

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

CANDY, the Italian white goods maker that is buying the European arm of Hoover for £106 million from Maytag of America, will develop the brand as a separate entity, according to Peppino Fumagalli, Candy's founder-chairman.

In London yesterday, after successfully beating five rivals to secure Hoover, Signor Fumagalli said that he had given personal assurances to the president of Maytag that Candy would "continue and develop the Hoover name".

"We are not asset strippers," he said, pointing out that since it acquired the Kelvinator refrigerator business on the Wirral 15 years ago, Candy had increased production there by 500 per cent. It now has 7.5 per cent of the UK refrigerator market, putting it in third place.

Signor Fumagalli, whose family-owned business started 50 years ago at Monza, said he intended to market Hoover across Europe as a "top of the range" brand. The deal gives the Italian company, Europe's seventh-largest domestic appliance maker, its first venture into vacuum cleaners and makes it instant UK market leader.

Signor Fumagalli said the deal with Maytag was struck before the news that Hoover Europe, based in Merthyr Tydfil, had failed to stop a mass legal action over its ill-fated "free flights" promotion that has so far cost the company £48 million.

Candy considered any liabilities arising from the court cases as a "problem of the past", Signor Fumagalli said. "And we have a cast-iron guarantee from Maytag that they will look after the liabilities." Lawyers have said that the compensation cases could cost Maytag millions of pounds. William Foust was dismissed from his £500,000 a year job as president of Hoover Europe for his role in the flights scheme, which promised air tickets for purchasers of Hoover appliances.

Signor Fumagalli said the cash purchase of Hoover Europe would be funded from his company's own resources. No borrowing was needed, as the company had made a profit every year since it started and was performing strongly.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Barclays Bank staff to discuss new action

OFFICIALS of the Barclays Bank staff union meet today to discuss further industrial action after Tuesday's 24-hour strike, called to protest against the bank's decision to impose a 2.75 per cent pay deal on clerical workers. The argument between the bank and the union over the extent of the strike continued yesterday, with Unifi, the union, claiming that the response to the action "exceeded all expectations"; 400 branches closed and 20,000 staff went on strike. Barclays called the figures "a fantasy". A spokesman said that 230 branches had been closed, with no more than 6,000 employees striking.

Barclays accused Unifi of not having its members' interests at heart: "Employees who stayed away from work will lose a day's pay and a day's other benefits. Does the union want us to stop the pay of 20,000 workers, or 6,000?" Unifi, which wants a 5 per cent rise, yesterday wrote to Barclays seeking a resumption of pay talks. However, the bank, which has awarded rises of up to 18.5 per cent to top executives, said that it had no intention of reopening negotiations. A letter from branch managers to strikers indicates that the bank reserves the right to dismiss them if they take further industrial action.

EBRD invests more

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, criticised in the past for being slow to provide money for its target economies in the former Soviet bloc, increased disbursements by 238 per cent in the first quarter this year to 247 million ecus (£205 million). Operating profits before provisions rose to 7.4 million ecus from 2.9 million ecus, but provisions of 12.2 million ecus saw a net loss of 4.8 million ecus. Bart le Blanc, vice-president with responsibility for finance, said: "The significant increase in operating profit is satisfactory."

Leeds Group catches up

A STRONG second quarter helped Leeds Group, the West Yorkshire textile dyer and printer, to make up for a slow start to the year after unseasonably warm weather in October and November. Pre-tax profits climbed to £3.61 million in the six months to March 31, up from £3.41 million last time, as turnover grew by 18.6 per cent to £31.3 million. There is an improved interim dividend of 2.2p (2.1p), due on July 3, from earnings ahead to 8.3p (8p) a share. Robert Wade, chairman, said the increase in the interim dividend reflects "confidence that we shall continue to find the means to maintain our growth".

New head for Alcatel

SERGE TCHURUK, who turned round Total, the state-controlled French oil company, is to head Alcatel Alsthom, the troubled French telecommunication and engineering group being investigated for corruption. He replaces Pierre Suard, who has, pending inquiries, been banned from acting as president of Alcatel, France's second-biggest industrial company, by magistrates investigating alleged overbilling. M Suard denies wrongdoing. Alcatel has a successful engineering joint venture, GEC-Alsthom, with GEC. M Tchuruk will be succeeded at Total by Thierry Desmarrest.

Quadramatic advances

RICHARD WILLIAMS, chief executive of Quadramatic, manufacturers of coin handling equipment, moulded products and plastic lenses, is optimistic after strong exports growth and past acquisitions helped the specialist engineer to a 31 per cent advance in first-half profits. Pre-tax profits jumped to £4.87 million in the six months to March 31, against £3.72 million last time. Turnover expanded by 30 per cent to £22.9 million. The interim dividend is raised by 28 per cent to 3.2p (2.5p) and is payable on July 14. Earnings were ahead 20.6 per cent to 7.6p (6.3p) a share.

Rodime secures finance

RODIME, the Scottish disc-drive group which is involved in a string of complex and protracted patent litigations in America over its hard disc technology, has secured additional bank finance while US court actions continue. The news accompanied reduced pre-tax losses of $1.99 million in the six months to March 31, compared with a loss of $5.29 million last time, reflecting lower administrative expenses and legal costs. No new licence agreements were reached during the period. The loss per share was trimmed to 1.5 cents (3.7 cents loss). There is again no dividend..

Eurofighter extra funds delayed

THE long-delayed Eurofighter 2000 combat plane project hit further difficulties yesterday when the budget committee of Germany's parliament put off a decision to nod through DM375 million extra (Colin Narbrough writes). Committee members decided that Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, had not provided sufficient information.

British Aerospace, the UK lead partner in the project, had been hoping for early approval in Germany of the extra funds to meet the costs of the programme's "reorientation".

TODAY'S RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.18
Austria Sch	16.72	15.22
Belgium Fr	48.88	44.58
Canada $	2.303	2.143
Cyprus CypE	0.748	0.693
Denmark Kr	9.34	8.54
Finland Mkk	7.45	6.80
France Fr	8.27	7.62
Germany Dm	2.39	2.18
Greece Dr	377.00	352.00
Hong Kong $	13.04	12.04
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.3227	4.5727
Italy Lira	2705.00	2550.00
Japan Yen	148.00	132.00
Malta	0.600	0.545
Netherlds Gld	2.652	2.422
Norway Kr	10.53	9.73
Portugal Esc	248.50	228.00
S Africa Rd	rate	5.44
Spain Pta	201.00	186.00
Sweden Kr	12.23	11.43
Switzerland Fr	1.98	1.80
Turkey Lira	rate	65443.0
USA $	1.700	1.570

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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LEGAL NOTICES

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
J H DEWHURST LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 at The Bonnington Hotel, 92 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4BH on 15 June 1995 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in S48(2) and S49 of that Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.
Creditors who intend to vote at the meeting should note the following:
(a) Written statements of claim must be lodged with the administrative receiver by 12 noon on the day before the meeting at Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.
(b) Proxies for use at the meeting must also be lodged with the administrative receiver.
W J H Elles
Joint Administrative Receiver
Date 30 May 1995

BRYMARK (PLASTERERS) LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Thursday 8th June 1995 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2) (a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require. DATED THIS 26th DAY OF MAY 1995
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD V J MARTIN, DIRECTOR.

No.001623 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF SILKBARN PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a Petition was on Monday 13th March 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named company from £2,185,629.68 to £800,000 00.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registar BUCKLEY at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 14th day of June 1995.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the application for an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
DATED this 30th day of May 1995
BLAKE LAPTHORN of
216 Strand
London WC2R 1AU Ref. CL/SS
Tel 0171 583 1444.
Agents for PATRICK J. SOLOMON
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Tel: 0181 396 8910.
Ref; PJS GY SILKBARN.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF Midland Assured Homes Limited
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 16th May 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £205,002 to £40,002 by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr District Judge Owen at the Birmingham District Registry, High Court of Justice, 33 Bull Street, Birmingham B4 6DS on Monday the 19th day of June 1995 at 10.00 am.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
Dated this 31st day of May 1995
Ward & Rider
2 Manor Yard
New Union Street
Coventry
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

The Insolvency Act 1986
McEWANS CARPETS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6BN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 22nd May 1995.
M.R.DORRINGTON, FIPA, Liquidator

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ANGLO COLD STORAGE & PRODUCE COMPANY LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
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W J H Elles
Joint Administrative Receiver
Date 30 May 1995

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
VESTEY ESTATES LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 at The Bonnington Hotel, 92 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4BH on 15 June 1995 at 10.15am for the purposes mentioned in S48(2) and S49 of that Act.
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(b) Proxies for use at the meeting must also be lodged with the administrative receiver.
W J H Elles
Joint Administrative Receiver
Date 30 May 1995

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Arrears threaten 130,000 homes

BY SARA MCCONNELL

MORE than a quarter of a million borrowers are still more than six months behind with their mortgage repayments and three quarters of these people have little chance of reducing their debts. Instead, 130,000 households face a "significant risk" of losing their homes, with little prospect of finding work that pays enough to make monthly payments and pay off arrears.

The figures, contained in a report published today by Shelter, the housing charity, will put renewed pressure on the Government to withdraw or amend proposals to reduce state help for out of work or ill borrowers from October. Opponents of the proposals say that numbers of arrears and repossessions will rise when the state safety net is removed.

Louise Casey, Shelter's director of housing services, said: "There is a prevailing misconception, aggravated by government complacency, that the repossession crisis of the early Nineties is over. All the evidence from Shelter's report points to a different scenario, showing that if the Government proceeds with its plans to cut income support levels it will ensure that repossession becomes a well-developed permanent feature of the country's housing market and could generate the biggest repossession crisis yet."

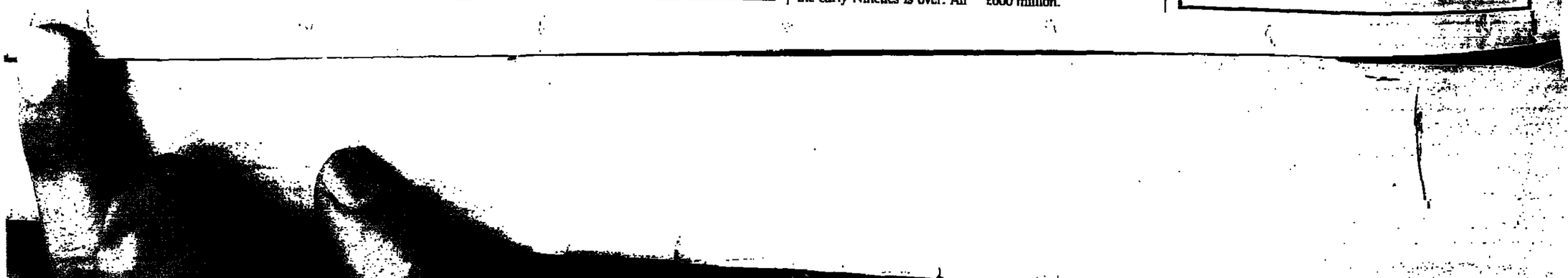
Shelter called on the Government to introduce a mortgage benefit scheme to protect low-income borrowers as well as the unemployed. Under existing rules, mortgage borrowers with an income do not qualify for state help, in contrast with tenants on low incomes who get their rent paid by housing benefit. Shelter calculates that this would help 35 per cent of working home buyers in arrears. At the moment, they are caught in a "benefit" trap, where they are penalised by the immediate withdrawal of income support as soon as they find work. The proposed scheme would cost £600 million.

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☐ British Aerospace fires siting shot at VSEL ☐ Whitsun dollar offensive ☐ Chrysler drives away boarders

Submarine warfare

☐ NOW the industrial and political arguments over the future of VSEL have been played out the two protagonists are getting down to the gritty business of putting hard cash on the table. British Aerospace opened the bidding yesterday where it left off last autumn.

BAe's advisers have exercised considerable skill to reduce the group's disadvantage in the battle against GEC. The group's two-part trombone rights issue has provided the group with enough cash to wade in with an offer only a week after the MMC report was published, without having to endure the messy business of underwriting the cash alternative.

BAe also has the luck of the stock market behind it. The rise in its share price has made its paper offer look £2.47 per share more attractive than when it was first touted to shareholders six months ago. The downside is that BAe must support such an increase with a credible £16 a share cash alternative, but since VSEL's cash pile has swelled to more than £400 million, even that does not look too hard to swallow.

Speed and the bull market are not the only factors on BAe's side in this intriguing battle. VSEL was and still is worth more to BAe than GEC, since the group will be able to offset VSEL's profits against its own copious tax losses and unrelieved advance corporation tax. The City estimates this is worth around £2.50 a share to BAe, which is why the group is so confident that the deal will enhance its earnings from the outset.

BAe looks certain to fight like fury to win VSEL. The group is desperate to become a prime naval contractor and knows there will never be such an opportunity so cheap again. But in spite of its determination, the big battalions at GEC are daunting forces for any company to take on, particularly a company that has just emerged from a long and painful reorganisation.

GEC has, give or take, a cash pile of £3 billion. Admittedly "only" around half of this lies in the group's coffers. The rest sits in joint ventures and is relatively unreachable. Even so, Lord Weinstock has £1.5 billion at his disposal, which makes anything that BAe can do in the capital markets look puny.

Lord Weinstock has a horror of overpaying for anything, particularly after his acquisition of Plessey five years ago. The financial logic of GEC bidding more than £17.50 looks questionable. But there are underlying benefits that may shake him into action. Defeating BAe in its bid for VSEL could badly destabilise the group. That could open the way for Lord Weinstock's final coup, a takeover of BAe that would complete his group's development into an all-singing all-dancing defence contractor.

In straight financial terms, VSEL is worth more to BAe than its rival. But this tussle over a Cumbrian shipbuilder can no longer be judged in cash terms. Only Lord Weinstock can now put a value on his ambitions for GEC.

War games that change real life

☐ GUERILLA warfare is becoming more subtle on the foreign exchanges. Last week, marauding bands of investment banks and hedge funds chose the Ascension Day lull to turn their sniper fire on the dollar, winging it on its take-off to recovery. Three weeks of confidence building collapsed overnight. The

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combined dollar support forces of the international community struck back on a quiet post-Whitsun Wednesday, catching their opponents with their stocks of dollars down. On the Eastern front, they attacked at 82.75 yen, charged through 83.75 yen and had dollar bears in full retreat at 85 yen. In the muddier West, the dollar marched from DM1.38 to nearly DM1.42.

That sounds impressive, but does not really amount to much. The dollar was soon back from its advance positions and far short of its May best of almost 88 yen and DM1.4625. In May last year, when the New York Federal Reserve Bank mounted its last pre-summit defence of the dollar, it failed miserably, partly because European allies were half-hearted.

In those days, the dollar stood above 100 yen and DM1.60. At that time, America wanted to convince itself, as much as anyone else, that the Fed's modest monetary tightening was leaving the economy in fine non-inflationary shape. In the event, it had to do quite a bit more. Partly as a result, the issues are bigger now. Currency imbalances and speculative attacks can actually affect which way the balance of interest rates moves internationally and therefore what rate of growth can be sustained in the world economy over the next couple of years.

Nowhere is the future direction of interest rates more uncertain than in Britain. Sterling is therefore accentuating its mid-Atlantic role, the pound playing Robin to the dollar's Batman.

The last big co-ordinated intervention two months ago went spectacularly wrong. That did not stop the dollar staging a perfectly natural resurgence a few weeks later, until last week's ambush. Whatever central bankers do, that upturn should resume in coming months as investors yearn for peace and begin to chase income rather than speculative shadows.

Kerkorian fails to revive the 1980s

☐ AFTER British Gas, the corporate governance circus moves on to Northern Electric. Tomorrow, an American investor hopes to persuade fellow shareholders to force a management waiver of the Takeover Code, and to put out their hands for Trafalgar House cash as soon as inhumanly possible.

The Northern episode is significant in three ways. It could mark the entry of American legalism into British bids. It exposed surpluses of financial fat that obliged the power regulator to recall his price review and made utilities more friendless.

Trafalgar's seemingly smart but ultimately naive offer also seemed to mark a new round of Anglo-Saxon takeover fever. That impression arose chiefly because it coincided with Las Vegas financier Kerk Kerkorian's challenge to Chrysler, one of America's most prominent core manufacturing companies.

The Kerkorian "takeover bid" combined many of the clichés of the 1980s, not least its overtones of greenmail and the myopic desire to transfer cash built up in good years to shareholders' wallets, rather than to keep Chrysler healthy in the impending leaner days. If the Chrysler affair turns out to be symbolic, however, it will stand for burying those attitudes. Mr Kerkorian could not find backers for his megabid. Chrysler called his bluff. The "bid" has been abandoned, leaving the bidder still sore and sitting on a non-too-buoyant 10 per cent stake.

Shareholders in Northern Electric, together with regulators, now have their chance to reject a rerun of the 1980s.

Shell unsuited

☐ SHELL'S stoic attempts to tough out its no-longer-discreet plan to sink the Brent Spar platform in mid-Atlantic are deservedly failing, though in this case investors are nowhere to be seen. Instead, after the Greenpeace occupation, Shell has incurred a hostile vote in Germany's Bundestag and calls for a German boycott of Shell products. It's a tough life for an out-of-date multinational.

Warning as Dawson edges back into black

BY SARAH BAGNALL

DAWSON International, the knitwear group, gave a warning yesterday that short-term profits' growth would be restrained by rising raw material prices coupled with continuing low levels of consumer confidence and the competitive retail environment.

George Fairweather, the finance director, said: "The key issue is raw material prices, which have risen sharply in the last 18 months."

He added that higher prices for cashmere, wool and cotton were putting pressure on margins and causing uncertainty over demand.

Dawson, of which Derek Finlay is chairman, revealed a pre-tax profit of £1.7 million in the 53 weeks to April 1, compared with a loss of £98 million last time. The recovery was held back by an exceptionally mild winter, net restructuring charges of £22.4 million, and losses at Pringle of Scotland.



Finlay: losses at Pringle

The fibres and yarns division lifted pre-exceptional profits by £200,000 to £18.8 million and the fabrics division's profits rose £3.2 million to £7.3 million. In contrast, Pringle's losses helped to push the UK apparel division into a loss of £3.6 million, compared with a profit of £6.5 million last time.

Mr Fairweather said that Pringle's problems reflected an over rapid expansion that pushed up costs. An expected rise in sales failed to materialise, partly because of the mild weather in the northern hemisphere and depressed retail markets.

He said steps were being taken to restore the group's fortunes by controlling costs and reducing overheads. Of the £22.4 million net exceptional charge, £5 million relates to Pringle. A further £4.8 million relates to restructuring of the group's other on-going businesses.

The balance of £12.2 million relates to the group's discontinued businesses, which includes the loss-making US home fashions operations.

The discontinued businesses saw pre-exceptional losses improve from £24.6 million to £4.7 million, helped by the release of £5.8 million of provisions.

The final dividend was held at 1.5p, due on August 15, making an unchanged total for the year of 3p.

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Property sales lift MEPC

BY CARL MORTISHED

PROFITS from property sales helped MEPC to raise its half-year pre-tax result from £48 million to £60 million. The company sold £29 million of property in the six months to March 31, generating a gain of £6.9 million from the book value last September.

Disposals helped to fund £100 million of investment, including property development in the US, where MEPC is putting up 1.5 million sq ft of industrial buildings in Dallas and rebuilding the Northridge Fashion Centre, the shopping mall damaged in last year's Los Angeles earthquake.

James Tuckey, chief executive, said that more investments were planned in Britain, America and Europe, with a higher proportion overseas than at home.

New investments helped to boost net property income from £112 million to £129 million, but finance costs rose from £62 million to £70 million. Earnings per share rose from 8.3p to 10.2p. The interim dividend is again 5.25p.

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MR Data shares nosedive

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in MR Data Management Group dived 35p to 55p, wiping nearly £20 million off the value of the data storage and retrievals company, after a second profits warning in just over a year. The shares have crashed from more than £2 a year ago and a high of 128p this year.

MR's latest warning said that pre-tax profits for the year to June 30 will be about £3.5 million, after a £1.2 million exceptional charge, against last year's profit of £6.35 million. The exceptional charge includes a payment of about £450,000 for loss of office to former directors, £550,000 of reorganisation costs and £245,000 for new business development. The £450,000 payment for loss of office to former directors is understood to involve Mike Elliott, the former chief executive, and Mike Bushell, a former director. Both have left in the past month.

The company said sales in its storage division were well below expectations resulting in unanticipated divisional losses.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

New York helps London to quicken its pace

SHARE prices on the London stock market moved back into positive territory after being given a little helping hand from Wall Street.

Having marked time for much of the day with investors rooted firmly on the sidelines, the FT-SE 100 Index moved ahead during the last hour of trading. The move was inspired by an opening rise of more than 20 points in the Dow Jones average after leading central banks got together to prop up the ailing dollar in the wake of the latest revised US GDP figure. The FT-SE finished 9.5 up at 3,319.4 in another day of thin trading which saw only 547 million shares change hands.

British Aerospace, down 6p at 524p, bounced back yesterday by renewing its bid for VSEL after being given the green light to proceed by the Government earlier this month. The terms remain the same as its previous offer: 3.3 new shares for each share in VSEL. It values each VSEL share at £17.47 with a cash alternative of £16. The whole deal gives VSEL a price tag of £678 million.



VSEL's Trident: BAe renewed offer raised the price

There was initial disappointment at the terms, with **VSEL** touching £17.78, before rallying to close 4p stronger at £17.90 amid growing hopes that the move by BAe would flush out a higher offer from GEC. Since BAe launched its original offer at the tail end of last year, its own share price has risen sharply and its terms currently stand about 300p higher than the cash terms from rival GEC. It now remains to be seen whether GEC, 2½p better at 320p, will renew its assault on the Barrow shipbuilder.

Kingfisher firmed 4p to 457p after re-assuring shareholders at the annual meeting that measures introduced to resolve the problems at its Woolworths and Comet chains were starting to take effect. But the group warned that trading conditions remained tough. Sales from continuing business during the first quarter grew 5 per cent. Even so, losses have continued throughout the first half, although the group expects to achieve a profit for the year as a whole.

Not everyone seemed happy with this reassurance. A line of 5 million shares was reported to be on offer at 457p, with only half the business completed as a line of 2.5 million were picked up at 455p. The rest may still be around today.

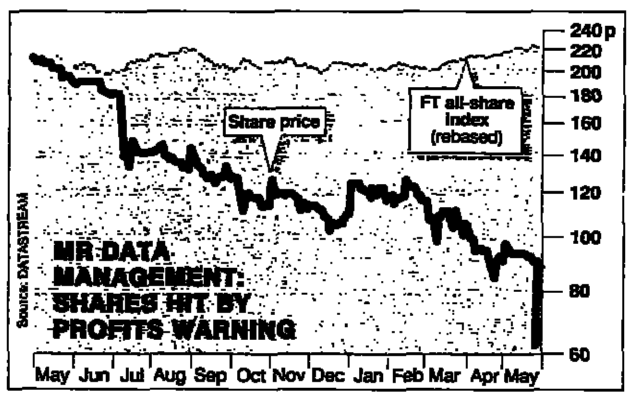
Earlier this year, the Kingfisher share price was rocked by a profits warning as the extent of the problems at Woolworths and Comet emerged. The company embarked on a major rationalisation programme resulting in the departure of at least three board members.

WATCH Grosvenor Inns, unchanged at 145p. Word is that it could soon be the subject of a reverse takeover by the privately owned Magic Beer Company, which bought the rump of about 400 pubs from Scottish & Newcastle after it acquired Chef & Brewer in 1993. The new company could be worth £100 million.

Eurotunnel came under pressure, falling 6p to 182p, as it began facing up to worried shareholders at meetings in London yesterday and Paris later today. There are fears that the volume of traffic using the link during the summer months will not be enough to finance the debt burden after October. The company yesterday moved to reassure British shareholders that it had no intention of raising further capital and would not be going bust. The group is assured of funding until the end of October and is currently in talks with the banks.

Brokers warmed to first-half figures from **MEPC**, the property developer, revealing a 27 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £51.7 million. The group enjoyed a modest increase in rental growth and reported further signs of recovery in the US. The shares rose 2p to 402p.

Full-year figures from **Dawson International**, the Pringle knitwear group, were overshadowed by exceptional costs totalling £22.4 million relating to the disposal of Dawson Home Fashions. The group returned to the black last year with pre-tax profits of almost £2 million against a loss last time of £98 million. The group warned that trading conditions remain difficult, leaving the price 1½p easier at 118p.



Harrington Kilbride suffered a reaction to this week's profits' warning, which came after the official close of business on Tuesday. The price dropped 8p to 31p as brokers tried to calculate the impact of the closure of its conferences business and subsequent rationalisation.

Meanwhile, **MR Data Management**, the data storage and retrieval specialist, saw its shares tumble 30p before being forced to issue its second profits warning.

At one stage, market-makers would only make an indicative price in the shares, which ended 35p down at 55p. The company has forecast pre-tax profits of £3.5 million after exceptional items of £1.5 million. That compares with £6.35 million last time.

Thomas Locker, the engineer, was steady at 18p with the "A" unchanged at 18p as John Carr, the Scottish businessman, emerged as the group's biggest shareholder with a 21.6 per cent stake.

□ **GILT EDGED:** The market continued to be supported in early trading by firmer German bunds and steadier US Treasury bonds. Prices in Europe have been buoyed by talk of the Bundesbank sanctioning a cut in German interest soon.

But after hitting a high around mind-morning prices started to come off the boil, with sentiment not helped by a set of indifferent economic numbers in the US. The losses were accelerated in late trading with prices eventually closing lower on the day.

In the futures pit, the June series of the Long Gilt touched a high for the day of £108 9/32 before ending five ticks down at £107½. Trading was again thin with just 47,000 contracts completed at the close.

Among conventional issues, the longer end suffered the biggest falls with Treasury 8 per cent £3/16 lower at £100 15/32, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 finished a tick lower at 101 5/16.

□ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street rebounded after the previous day's fall and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average had moved 20.06 points higher at 4,398.74.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	4398.74 (+20.06)
S&P Composite	526.58 (+3.00)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	15436.79 (-326.18)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9407.38 (-162.08)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	431.52 (+2.99)
Sydney:	
AO	2019.5 (-1.5)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2092.17 (+4.52)
Singapore:	
Straits	2166.79 (+4.31)
Brussels:	
General	7664.83 (+33.75)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1947.95 (+20.65)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	649.40 (+2.00)
London:	
FT 30	2507.7 (+1.5)
FT 100	3319.4 (+9.5)
FT-SE Mid 250	3653.8 (+11.2)
FT-SE-A 350	1650.5 (+4.7)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1354.50 (+5.49)
FT A All-Share	1632.56 (+4.62)
FT Non Financials	1754.07 (+4.31)
FT Fixed Interest	113.68 (+0.09)
FT Govt Secs	94.31 (-0.08)
Bargains	22949
SEAQ Volume	594.5m
USM (Datastrm)	156.27 (+0.99)
US$	1.5897 (-0.0118)
German Mark	2.2455 (+0.0197)
Exchange Index	84.3 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1959
£:SDR	1.0148
RPI	149.0 Apr (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Brit Aero Cap Uts p/p	718	-5
Dumyat IT Cv An Div	105	...
Dumyat IT Mthly Div	105	...
Finsbury Worldwide	101	...
General Cable (190)	171	+1
Gus Carter (80)	92	-1
Langdons Foods (3)	3½	...
Oryx India	650	...
Oryx India Wts	250	...
Precoat Int (125)	141	...
Schroder Inc Gth Fd	106	...
Schroder Inc Gth Wts	27	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Daniels (S) n/p (34)	18	+10
Prime People n/p (4)	1	...
Regal Hotel n/p (35)	¼	...
Scot/New Non-Int n/p	34½	-½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Nobo Group	130p (+8p)
Wardle Storeys	340p (+10p)
Jardine Matheson	491p (+13p)
Danka Bus Systems	372p (+13p)
Kode	73p (+9p)
Chemring	350p (+11p)
Cobham	363p (+8p)
Garton Eng	147p (+10p)
Kelsey Ind	455p (+30½p)
Morris Ashby	249p (+10p)
Booker	429p (+8p)
Seton Healthcare	399p (+19p)
Airtours	442p (+9p)
Carlton Comm	946p (+6p)
Quarto	251p (+11p)
Reed Int	875p (+9p)
Burmah Castrol	927p (+7p)
Ramco Energy	360p (+9p)
Scotia	427p (+9p)
Boxmore Int	320p (+8p)
Relyon	289p (+8p)
Commercial Union	616p (+8p)
FALLS:	
Lloyds	654p (-11p)
SG Warburg	736p (-9p)
Antofagasta	293p (-7p)
HTV Group	170½p (-15p)
Harrington Kilb	31p (-8p)
Yorkshire TV	467p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

The day MAM left home

IN CONTRAST to the pyrotechnics at British Gas, today's extraordinary meeting at SG Warburg to approve the sale of its investment banking division to Swiss Bank promises to be a tame affair. The deal is expected to be nodded through, and provided the two sides win all the regulatory approvals they need, the whole thing should be stitched up by the end of the summer.

In the absence of any rival offer or deal shareholders are left with the choice of selling in the market or hanging on for their parcel of cash and shares in Mercury Asset Management. Warburg's shares have fallen hard since the SBC deal was announced. At 736p, they now stand on a 56p discount to the underlying value of the cash and MAM shares on offer. That makes selling in the market a daft idea. Indeed, Warburg shares look a buy for anyone willing to wait for the deal to be concluded.

Outgoing Warburg shareholders may also warm to the prospect of holding MAM shares directly. MAM has been the bedrock of Warburg's profitability in recent years. Its shares have also fallen hard recently as hopes of an early bid have faded. With goodwill of about £1.3 billion, MAM is a hefty purchase for any institution. Now, with a forward yield of 4.6 per cent, the shares look attractive.

Once independent, MAM's main problem will be distribution. It already dominates the City's institutional investment scene, but needs to diversify into retail financial products and expand overseas to broaden its earnings base. The demerger leaves it with cash of more than £180 million to do this, so independence may be just as exciting as its previous existence.

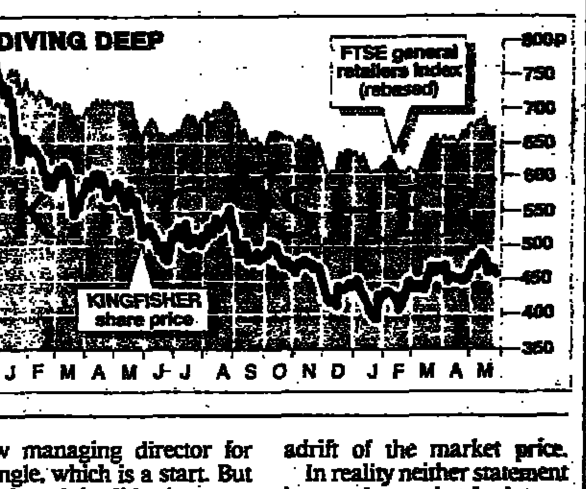
Kingfisher

IF Kingfisher had announced anything other than solid sales increases in its trading statement yesterday, the shares would have collapsed. The shares perked up a few pence, as if nodding approval to the company's pursuit of market share that it lost last Christmas.

But a few extra shoppers will not make an early summer for Kingfisher. The company is having to buy back its customers. At Woolworths, heavy promotions are allowing the company to claim double-digit growth in toys, a sector where price advantage allowed Argos to steal a lead. Woolworth was left with unsold stock, which is no doubt being shifted from the back room.

At Comet, the pursuit of volume will be more acute. Signs of restructuring in the sector — the recent decision by the regional electricity companies to pull out of retailing — are welcome but open the door to even more aggressive discounters in a market only differentiated by price. Even in France, which showed some growth last year, sales have come to a virtual standstill. Kingfisher blames the French elections. But it is difficult to believe that consumers failed to buy televisions to avoid tedious election coverage.

Few will blame Kingfisher for chasing sales but investors want a long-term strategy and for Comet, simply being there when others have left is not enough. There will always be another discounter around the corner.



Dawson Int

DAWSON International's hapless shareholders have retained one crumb of comfort during their company's prolonged travails: that the Scottish knitwear business with its top-class brands has remained securely profitable and cash generative. While that remained the case, Dawson was a credible bid target, in spite of its appalling diversification record.

Now even that meagre hope has been stripped away, with Pringle, the group's premier branded business slumping into loss after the group allowed its cost base to run out of control. External factors, such as rising raw material prices and a lacklustre consumer market, are conspiring against the group's attempts to pull itself out of the mire, but that does not excuse it for managing to lose £3.6 million in its UK apparel division, a business that seemed bomb proof.

Dawson is looking for a new managing director for Pringle, which is a start. But the board is dithering over the search for a new group chief executive. Given the disastrous record of successive managements, a power vacuum may be no bad thing. At least it is cheap.

Given the uncertainty over management and raw material costs and the group's complete lack of credibility, the shares, trading on a prospective p/e of about 11 times, look overpriced.

MEPC

MEPC yesterday gave investors a useful reminder that property valuation is opinion, not fact. Less than six months from the year-end valuation, MEPC sold £29 million of assets, including a large office property in Birmingham, and made a £6.9 million profit. The gain suggests either that the market for Birmingham offices is exceptionally buoyant or that the valuer was 30 per cent adrift of the market price.

In reality neither statement is true: the market for investment properties was deteriorating in the autumn and there were few deals on which to base valuations. In such circumstances, surveyors, mindful of recent claims for negligent valuation, will opt for caution.

This gives little comfort to investors who want to know what a portfolio is worth. To apply an open market value to a property company's portfolio implies a breakup — an inappropriate measure for a going concern. Some have argued that a discounted cash flow analysis of rental income would be more appropriate for investment companies.

That raises the issue of the discount rate but it would have the merit of measuring verifiable income streams rather than marrying a fictional buyer to a theoretical seller.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	unq	Jul	1047-1046
Jul	965-964	Sep	1059-1058
Sep	981-980	Dec	1075-1074
Dec	1001-1000	Mar	1094-1092
Mar	1022-1021		
May	1034-1033		Volume: 6087

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	unq	Jan	2785-2775
Jul	2813-2812	Mar	2780-2770
Sep	2785-2781	May	2780-2770
Nov	2785-2780		Volume: 2759

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	287.5-85.5
Spot: 386.0		May	289.0-86.6
Aug	349.5-49.0	Aug	290.5-87.6
Oct	301.0-00.5	Oct	273.5-70.6
Dec	289.0-87.5		Volume: 3565

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 30

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	95.09	115.18	122.50
(+/-)	-1.30	+0.63	-1.46
Eng/Wales:	95.06	115.13	121.04
(+/-)	-1.45	+0.77	+1.75
(%)	+15.0	-4.0	-4.0
Scotland:	95.34	116.70	127.10
(+/-)	-0.03	-4.75	-0.36
(%)	-5.0	+20.0	+11.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.40	n/c
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.45	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.30	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	18.55	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	18.50	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 199 (+1)	O: 201 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	160 (-2)	161 (-2)
Non EEC IH Jun	158 (-2)	159 (-2)
Non EEC IH Jul	154 (-1)	155 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	99 (n/c)	101 (n/c)
Naphtha	188 (-1)	190 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	155.75-56.00	Sep	153.25-53.50
Jul	151.75-52.00	Oct	155.75-56.00
Aug	151.50-51.75		Vol: 24909

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	17.43-17.44	Oct	17.08 BID
Aug	17.30-17.31	Nov	17.14 SLR
Sep	17.17-17.18		Vol: 21730

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	127.75	Sep	106.15
Sep	108.30	Nov	108.00
Nov	109.40	Jan	110.00
Jan	111.35	Mar	112.25
Mar	113.25	May	114.25
Volume: 296		Volume: 15	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	120.0	117.0
May	unq	149.0
Jun		unq
		Volume: 96

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Jul 109.75-110.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 95	1955	1920	1925
Jul 95	1830	1815	1820
Oct 95	1820	1805	1820
Jan 96	1770	1765	1765
Vol: 201 lots		Open interest: 4574	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2849.0-2851.0	2830.0-2832.0	1373800
Lead ($/tonne)	606.50-607.00	618.00-618.50	128925
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1020.5-1021.0	1046.0-1047.0	390725
Tin ($/tonne)	6058.0-6060.0	5990.0-5995.0	21055
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1807.0-1808.0	1829.0-1829.5	1135900
Nickel ($/tonne)	7515.0-7520.0	7640.0-7650.0	69570

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom.	500	32	45	52½	5½	10	17
(*523)	550	7	18½	26	29½	34½	41
Argyll	330	8½	17½	24½	13	17½	22½
(*333½)	360	1	7	13	36½	39	41½
ASDA	80	6½	8½	10	1½	3½	4½
(*84½)	90	1½	4	5½	6½	9	9½
Boots	500	22	32½	40	9½	13	21
(*518)	550	4	11	17½	44½	45½	50
Br Airways	390	23½	30½	38	6½	12	17
(*411)	420	6	16	23½	23	27½	32
BP	420	29½	38½	44½	4	8½	11½
(*443½)	460	6	16	23½	22	26½	30
Br Steel	160	17½	19½	21½	1	3½	5½
(*176½)	180	3½	8	10½	9½	12½	15
C & W	420	13	26	34	16	23	26½
(*421)	460	2½	11½	18½	47	50	52
CU	600	28	40½	51	12	25	29
(*613½)	650	7	18	28	41½	54½	57½
ICI	750	54½	65	81	5	15½	19½
(*793½)	800	21	34½	51½	21	36½	40½
Kingfishr	420	42½	52½	61	3	9½	15
(*456½)	460	14½	27½	37½	16½	22½	31
Land Sec	600	24	32	39½	12½	17	22½
(*623½)	650	3	11	18	48½	50	53
M & S	390	29	38½	48½	2½	6	9
(*414)	420	8½	19½	29½	13	17	20½
Nat West	500	45	53½	62½	3½	12	14½
(*538½)	550	12½	24	33	20	33½	36½
Sainsbury	420	34½	44	51	1½	5½	9
(*449½)	460	8½	18½	27	16	21	24½
Shell	750	33½	47½	59	6	17	21½
(*772)	800	7½	19½	33	31	42	46
Smkl Bch	500	21½	33½	44	9	16½	23½
(*508)	550	3½	13	21½	42½	46	52½
Storehse	260	12	17	22	7½	10	12½
(*266½)	280	3	8	12½	20	21½	23½
Trafalgar	45	5½	8	9½	1½	3	4
(*49)	50	2½	5½	7	3½	5½	6½
Unilever	1200	49½	71½	92½	12½	24½	32
(*1222)	1250	19	43	64	37	48	54½
Zeneca	900	51	68	87	7½	22½	30½
(*936)	950	21	39½	59	28	44½	53
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	390	16	25½	31½	12	16	21½
(*395)	420	5½	12	18½	31½	34	39
Ladbroke	180	10½	14½	19	5½	8½	11
(*183)	200	2½	6	10	18	20½	22½
Utd Bisc	300	33½	40	45	3	7	9½
(*326)	330	14	22	28	11	20½	22½

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	460	27½	37½	45	5	10	13½
(*484)	500	6	16	24½	25½	29½	32½
Thames W	500	15	24½	31	17½	24	30½
(*510)	550	0½	8	13½	57½	59½	63½
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	460	40	48½	58	8½	14½	16½
(*491)	500	15	26½	35½	26½	32½	35½
BTR	330	19½	25	29½	6	11	13
(*340)	360	5½	10½	15½	22	27½	29½
Br Aero	495	46½	59½	—	11	19½	—
(*523½)	545	19½	34	—	33½	43½	—
Br Telcom	390	16	19½	23	13½	17½	24
(*394½)	420	4	8	11½	36	38	43
Cadbury	447	30	—	—	4½	—	—
(*473½)	486	12½	—	—	20	—	—
Guinness	460	31	39½	49½	8½	12	16½
(*477½)	500	10	19½	28½	28	32	36
GEC	300	23½	26	29	5	8½	11
(*319½)	330	6	10	14½	21½	24	26½
Hanson	220	20½	22½	24½	2	4½	6½
(*239½)	240	7½	11	13	9	13	16
LASMO	160	11	16½	21	5	7½	9
(*164)	180	3	8	12	17½	19	20½
Lucas	180	16½	20½	23	4	9	11½
(*190)	200	6	10½	13½	14	19½	22
Pilkingtn	180	8½	14	17½	5½	9	10½
(*184)	200	2	5½	9	19	21	22
Prudential	330	22	28½	34½	6½	12	14½
(*341)	360	8	14	20	22½	27½	30
Redland	420	29½	37	45	8½	17	19½
(*433)	460	10½	18	26	30½	38	40½
R-Royce	180	15	18	23	5	8½	10½
(*188)	200	5½	9	13½	15½	19½	21½
Tesco	280	21½	27½	32½	3½	7½	9
(*294½)	300	9	16	21	11½	16½	18
Vodafone	200	13½	19½	24	6½	9½	12½
(*207)	220	4½	10½	14½	17½	20½	23½
Williams	330	16	21½	28	7½	12½	14½
(*334½)	360	4½	8½	14	26½	31	32

FT-SE INDEX (*3317½)

	3200	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450
Calls						
Jun	130	84½	47	20½	6½	1
Jul	153½	115½	82	55	32½	17
Aug	166	128	97½	70½	47½	31½
Sep	184	148½	118	91	67½	49½
Dec	236	—	173½	—	123½	—
Puts						
Jun	3½	9	21½	47	85½	135
Jul	17	28½	45½	69½	99½	138
Aug	30	43	62½	86	113½	149
Sep	40	54½	73½	97	124½	158
Dec	72½	—	108½	—	158½	—

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	460	20	32	41½	3½	14	17
(*475½)	500	3	13	22	25½	35½	38
Amstrad	220	6½	15	19½	5	11	14½
(*220½)	240	1	6½	11	19½	23½	26
Barclays	650	29½	44½	57	4	16½	25½
(*673½)	700	4½	19	31½	29½	42½	50½
Blue Circ	300	9½	19½	26½	5	13½	17½
(*303)	330	1	8	13½	27	31½	35
Br Gas	300	6½	15½	21	5	9½	14½
(*301½)	330	0	4	9	28½	29	33½
Dixons	240	11½	16½	22	2	9	12
(*248)	260	2½	7½	12½	13	20½	23
Forte	220	12	19	23	1	4½	7
(*230½)	240	1½	8	13	10½	14	16½
Tarmac	120	4½	12	14½	3½	8	10
(*121)	130	1½	7½	10	10	13½	16
Hillsdwn	180	6½	12½	17	3	5	8
(*184)	200	0	4	8	16½	17	19½
Lonrho	140	12½	15½	19	0½	3½	5½
(*151)	160	2	5½	9½	9½	13½	15
Sears	100	10	12½	14	0	1	2
(*109½)	110	2½	6	8	2½	4½	5½
Thrn Eml	1200	49	71½	83½	6½	29½	39½
(*1241)	1250	16	42½	55½	22½	54½	64
Tomkins	240	7½	12½	19	3½	10½	14
(*243½)	260	1	5	10½	17	24	26
TSB	240	15½	21	27	1½	7	10½
(*253)	260	4	10	17	10	17	20
Wellcome	1000	70½	75	—	0	1	—
(*1070)	1050	20½	30	—	1	9	—
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo Well	700	40½	55	64	8	25	32
(*726½)	750	14	27½	39	31½	52	58
HSBC	800	51	74	92	16½	35½	49½
(*828)	850	24	48	66½	40	59½	69
Reuter	460	24	36½	47½	8½	16½	22
(*471)	500	6½	18	28	32	38½	43
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins	330	15	23½	31½	10½	18	22½
(*333)	360	4½	11	18½	29½	35½	40
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	160	17	23½	28	0	4	7
(*176)	180	3½	12	17½	6	12	15½
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastern Gp	600	53	65½	74½	16	26	33½
(*642)	650	23½	40	49½	41	50½	58½
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	460	12	18½	27	12	19	32½
(*466½)	500	0½	6	12	46½	48	49½
Scot Pwr	330	9½	16	23	5	14½	19½
(*334)	360	0½	4½	11	26	35½	38½

May 31, 1995 Tot: 20433 Calls: 11918 Puts: 8515 FT-SE Calls: 4201 Puts: 3374

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3321.0	3330.0	3300.0	3325.0	13241
Previous open interest: 80201	Sep 95	3348.0	3349.0	3324.5	3348.0	2103
FT-SE 250	Jun 95				3660.0	0
Previous open interest: 5354	Sep 95				3684.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	93.24	93.26	93.21	93.22	9558
Previous open interest: 423577	Sep 95	92.98	93.02	92.96	92.97	20872
	Dec 95	92.78	92.81	92.75	92.76	9941
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.95	0
Previous open interest: 1184	Sep 95				94.20	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	95.56	95.59	95.55	95.57	20952
Previous open interest: 671720	Sep 95	95.63	95.63	95.58	95.60	30380
Long Gilt	Jun 95	107-31	108-09	107-11	107-16	48174
Previous open interest: 145509	Sep 95	107-17	107-28	106-28	107-02	18738
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	121.25	121.54	120.60	120.63	673
	Sep 95	120.20	120.49	119.30	119.56	5066
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	95.79	95.79	95.05	95.20	164857
Previous open interest: 189547	Sep 95	95.22	95.24	94.58	94.70	32063
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.81	93.84	93.79	93.79	872
Previous open interest: 19326	Sep 95	93.82	93.87	93.80	93.81	839
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.70	96.71	96.62	96.65	2101
Previous open interest: 41770	Sep 95	96.73	96.73	96.59	96.63	3956
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	100.65	101.14	99.91	100.17	43438
Previous open interest: 40799	Sep 95	100.15	100.67	99.48	99.75	6224

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 6

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 6¼ ; 3 mth 6¼ . Sell: 2 mth 6¼ ; 3 mth: 6¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6½	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	7⅛-7⅛
Interbank:	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	7⅛-7⅛

Overnight: open 6¾, close 6¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¾	n/a	6⅝	6⅞	7⅛
Sterling CDs:	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	7⅛-6⅞
Dollar CDs:	5.96	n/a	6.03	6.03	6.09
Building Society CDs:	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	7⅛-7

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87 %. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6-5¾	5⅞-4¾
Deutschemark:	4¾-4½	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	5-4
French Franc:	7½-7¼	7⅝-7⅜	7½-7¼	7½-7	8½-6½
Swiss Franc:	3½-3	3½-3¼	3⅜-3⅛	3⅜-3⅛	3½-2½
Yen:	1½-1¼	1⅜-1⅛	1⅜-1⅛	1½-1	1½-¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS

Bullion: Open $384.25-384.75 Close: $384.00-384.50 High: $384.25-384.75 Low: $382.80-383.30 AM: $384.25 PM: $384.30

Krugerrand: $385.00-387.00 (£242.00-244.00)

Platinum: $431.50 (£270.95) Silver: $5.30 (£3.335) Palladium: $159.65 (£100.25)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 31	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4931-2.5221	2.5081-2.5113	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Brussels	45.73-46.29	45.96-46.06	8-5pr	23-16pr
Copenhagen	8.7010-8.7890	8.7540-8.7690	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-⅛ds
Dublin	0.9730-0.9797	0.9772-0.9797	par-3ds	par-5ds
Frankfurt	2.2366-2.2502	2.2407-2.2438	⅛-⅛pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Lisbon	234.30-237.30	235.70-236.90	56-63ds	187-205ds
Madrid	193.92-195.70	194.04-194.33	45-55ds	147-164ds
Milan	2588.10-2609.40	2599.70-2609.40	8-11ds	24-28ds
Montreal	2.1712-2.2067	2.1712-2.1742	0.17-0.29ds	0.25-0.43ds
New York	1.5860-1.6060	1.5860-1.5870	0.05-0.03pr	0.24-0.20pr
Oslo	9.9130-10.0030	9.9600-9.9750	⅛-⅛pr	2⅛-1⅛pr
Paris	7.8400-7.9050	7.8640-7.8780	⅛-1⅛ds	1⅛-2⅛ds
Stockholm	11.5980-11.6670	11.6370-11.6610	1⅛-2⅛ds	5⅛-7⅛ds
Tokyo	132.93-134.96	134.09-134.34	⅛-⅛pr	2-1⅛pr
Vienna	15.65-15.83	15.74-15.78	2⅛-2pr	9⅛-7⅛pr
Zurich	1.8381-1.8521	1.8492-1.8521	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3885-1.3894
Austria	9.94-9.95
Belgium (Com)	29.02-29.03
Canada	1.3689-1.3694
Denmark	5.5190-5.5240
France	4.9690-4.9700
Germany	1.4140-1.4150
Hong Kong	7.7348-7.7358
Ireland	1.6186-1.6221
Italy	1640.00-1642.00
Japan	84.67-84.72
Malaysia	2.4645-2.4655
Netherlands	1.5830-1.5835
Norway	6.2820-6.2870
Portugal	148.78-148.95
Singapore	1.3922-1.3932
Spain	122.45-122.55
Sweden	7.3335-7.3435
Switzerland	1.1684-1.1689

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5880-1.5906
Australia dollar	2.2011-2.2040
Bahrain dinar	0.5985-0.6105
Brazil real*	1.4172-1.4214
China yuan	12.50 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.70-0.71
Finland markka	6.8075-6.9035
Greece drachma	357.50-364.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.2666-12.2721
India rupee	49.88-50.84
Indonesia rupiah	3536.00-3604.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4715-0.4815
Malaysia ringgit	3.9092-3.9125
New Zealand dollar	2.3862-2.3895
Pakistan rupee	49.00 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.950-6.076
Singapore dollar	2.2083-2.2109
S Africa rand (com)	5.8280-5.9300
U A E dirham	5.8275-5.9515

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	445	Legal & Gn	1,600
ASDA Gp	8,900	Lloyds Bk	3,100
Abbey Natl	3,200	MEPC	1,800
Alld Dom	3,600	Marks Spr	4,600
Argyll Gp	4,600	NatWst Bk	3,400
Arjo Wiggn	562	Nat Power	1,000
AB Foods	99	Nth Wst W	854
BAA	1,300	P & O	1,600
BAT Inds	2,700	Pearson	1,800
BOC	680	PowerGen	1,400
BP	6,700	Prudential	5,600
BTR	6,000	RMC	195
BT	7,400	RTZ	831
Bk of Scot	1,600	Rank Org	1,000
Barclays	2,200	Reckitt Col	628
Bass	3,700	Redland	1,600
Blue Circle	870	Reed Intl	1,200
Boots	2,400	Rentokil	243
Bowater	1,300	Reuters	1,600
Brit Aero	2,900	Rolls Royce	2,500
Brit Airwys	2,500	Ryl Ins	1,700
Brit Gas	4,100	Ryl Bk Scot	5,200
Brit Steel	4,400	Sainsbury	2,200
Burmah Cstl	527	Schroders	24
Cable Wire	7,700	Scot & New	380
Cadbury	3,800	Scot Power	483
Caradon	1,600	Sears	4,900
Carlton Cms	491	Svrn Trent	1,200
Cm Union	2,100	Shell Trans	4,000
Courtaulds	309	Siebe	408
De La Rue	398	SmKl Bch	4,100
Eastern Elec	147	Smith Nph	379
Enterpr Oil	149	Sthern Elec	263
Forte	3,700	Std Chartd	1,700
GKN	843	Sun Allnce	1,300
GRE	939	TI Gp	822
GUS	1,400	TSB	3,100
Gen Acc	669	Tate & Lyle	922
Gen Elec	3,100	Tesco	8,700
Glaxo Well	2,800	Thames W	1,000
Granada	235	Thrn EMI	700
Grand Met	4,100	Tomkins	5,000
Guinness	4,700	Unilever	1,200
HSBC	3,700	Utd Bisc	1,100
Hanson	8,400	Vodafone	9,900
ICI	614	Warburg	1,200
Inchcape	734	Whitbread	2,200
Kingfisher	5,500	Wlms Hld	5,800
Ladbroke	1,200	Wolseley	1,000
Land Secs	1,000	Zeneca	1,800

WALL STREET

	May 31 midday	May 30 close
AMP Inc	41¼	41¼
AMR Corp	67¼	66¼
AT & T	50½	50
Abbott Labs	39¼	39¼
Advanced Micro	32¼	32½
Aetna Life	59¼	58½
Ahmanson (HF)	22½	22½
Air Prod & Chem	52½	52½
Albertson's	28¼	27¼
Alcan Aluminm	29½	29½
Alco Standard	71¼	71½
Allied Signal	40½	40½
Alum Co of Am	46¼	46½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	50¼	50½
Amer Brands	40¼	40¼
Amer El Power	33½	33½
Amer Express	35¼	34¼
Amer Genl Corp	34½	34
Amer Home Pr	72¼	73¼
Amer Intl	111½	112¼
Amer Stores	25½	25½
Ameritech	44	43¼
Amoco	67¼	67½
Anheuser-Busch	58½	58¼
Apple Computer	41½	42
Archer Daniels	18½	18½
Armco	6¼	6½
Armstrong Wrld	50¼	50¼
Asarco	28¼	28¼
Ashland Oil	36½	36¼
Atl Richfield	116¼	115¼
Auto Data Pro	62¼	61¼
Avery Dennison	41	41
Avon Products	67½	66¼
Baker Hughes	22½	22¼
Baltim Gas & El	25½	25½
Banc One	33½	33½
BankAmerica	51½	51½
Bank of NY	40½	40¼
Bankers Tr NY	62½	62¼
Barnett Banks	49½	48½
Bausch & Lomb	40½	40¼
Baxter Intl	34½	34½
Bectn Dicknsn	58¼	58½
Bell Atlantic	54½	54¼
Bell Industries	19¼	19½
BellSouth	60½	59¼
Black & Decker	32¼	32½
Block (H&R)	35½	34½
Boeing	57¼	58½
Boise Cascade	33	32¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	65½	65
Browning Ferris	35	35¼
Brunswick	18¼	18½
Burlington Nthn	60½	59½
CBS	66½	66½
CNA Financial	85½	85
CPC Intl	59½	59
CSX	74¼	73½
Campbell Soup	48½	47½
Can Pacific	17	17
Cptl Cities ABC	96¼	96
Carolina Pwr	29½	29½
Caterpillar	58½	58½
Central & SW	25½	25½
Champion Intl	45½	45½
Chase Manhat	46½	46½
Chemical Bk	45¼	45½
Chevron Corp	48¼	48½
Chrysler	42¼	42½
Chubb Corp	81½	81½
Cigna Corp	74¼	74
Citicorp	52½	52¼
Clorox	58½	58¼
Coastal Corp	31½	31½
Coca Cola	61½	60½
Colgate-Palmolive	75½	75¼
Columbia Gas	29½	29¼
Compaq Comp	38½	38
Comp Ass Int	65½	65¼
Conagra	33½	32¼
Conrail	53	53½
Cons Edison	29½	29½
Cons Nat Gas	39¼	39½
Cooper Inds	37	36¼
Corning Inc	31½	31¼
Crown Cork	46½	46½
Dana Corp	27¼	27½
Dayton Hudson	69¼	69½
Deere	85½	85½
Delta Air Lines	64½	63¼
Deluxe Corp	31½	31½
Detroit Edison	29¼	29½
Digital Equip	44½	44½
Dillard Dept St	27½	27½
Disney (Walt)	55½	55½
Dominion Res	37	37½
Donnelley (RR)	35½	35
Dover Corp	65½	64¼
Dow Chemical	72¼	73
Dow Jones	36	35½
Dresser	23	22½
Duke Power	41¼	41½
Dun & Bradstreet	52¼	52½
Du Pont	66½	65½
Eastman Kodak	59½	59
Eaton Corp	59½	59½
Emerson Elec	68½	67½
Engelhard Corp	40½	40½
Enron Corp	36	35½
Entergy	24½	24½
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	70½	70½
FMC Corp	64½	64½
FPL Group	38½	38½
Federal Express	60	60
Fed Nat Mtge	91½	91½
First Chicago	57½	57½
First Interstate	83½	83½
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	34½	34½
Fluor Corp	49½	50
Ford Motor	28½	28½
GTE Corp	33	32½
Gannett	53½	53½
Gap Inc Del	34	34
Gen Dynamics	43½	43½
Gen Electric	57½	58½
Gen Mills	50½	50
Gen Motors	46½	46½
Gen Reinsurance	133½	133
Gen Signal	36½	36½
Genuine Parts	38½	38½
Georgia Pac	77½	78
Gillette	83½	83½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	23	23½
Goodrich (BF)	49½	49½
Goodyear Tire	41½	41½
Grace (W&R)	63½	63½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24½	24
Great Wstn Fin	22	22½
Halliburton	39½	39½
Harcourt General	41½	42½
Heinz (HJ)	45½	44
Hercules	52½	52½
Hershey Foods	51½	50½
Hewlett Packard	66½	64½
Hilton Hotels	66½	66½
Home Depot	41½	40½
Homestake Mng	16½	16½
Honeywell	38½	38½
Household Intl	48½	48
Houston Inds	42½	42½
Humana	21½	20½
ITT Corp	110½	110½
Illinois Tool	49½	49½
Illinova	24½	24½
INCO	25	25½
Ingersoll Rand	36½	37½
Inland Steel	27½	27½
Intel Corp	110½	110½
IBM	93½	92½
Intl Flav & Fr	47½	47½
Intl Paper	77½	77½
James River Va	27	26½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	65½	64½
Kellogg	67½	65½
Kerr-McGee	54½	55
Kimberly-Clark	59½	59
Kmart	12½	12½
Knight-Ridder	54½	54½
Lilly (Eli)	74½	73½
Limited Inc	21½	21½
LIN Brdcstng	123½	123½
Lincoln Nat	44½	43½
Litton	38½	37½
Liz Claiborne	17½	17½
Lockheed Martin	59	59½
Louisiana Pac	21½	21½
MCI Comm	20	19½
Marriott Int	33½	34
Marsh & McLnn	79½	79
Masco Corp	28½	28
May Dept St	38½	38½
Maytag Corp	16½	15½
McDonalds	37	36½
McDonnell D	71½	71
McGraw Hill	72½	72½
Mead Corp	53	53
Medtronic	75	74½
Mellon Bk	42½	42½
Melville Corp	39½	39
Merck Inc	46	45½
Merrill Lynch	45½	45½
Minnesota Mine	57½	57½
Mobil Corp	98½	97½
Monsanto	82½	82½
Morgan (JP)	70½	69½
Motorola Inc	59½	58½
Natl Semi	25	24
Natl Service Ind	28½	28½
Navistar Int	15½	15½
NBD Bancorp	32	31½
NY Times A	22½	22½
Newmont Mng	41½	41½
Niag Mohawk	14½	14½
Nike B	78½	78
NL Industries	15½	15½
Noram Energy	6½	6½
Nordstrom	40	39½
Norfolk Sthrn	65½	65½
Nthn State Pwr	46½	46½
Norwest Corp	28½	28½
Nynex Corp	40½	40½
Occidental Pet	23	23
Ohio Edison	21½	21½
Oracle Systems	33½	34½
Oryx Energy Co	14	14½
Owens Corning	36½	38½
PPG Industries	40½	41
PNC Bank	27½	26½
Paccar Inc	47½	47½
Pacificorp	19½	19½
Pac Enterprises	24½	24½
Pac Gas & Elec	28½	28½
Pac Telesis	29½	29½
Pall Corp	22½	22½
Panhandle East	25½	25
Parker Hannifin	35½	34½
Peco Energy	28	27½
Penney (JC)	46½	46½
Pennzoil	49½	49½
Pepsico	47½	47½
Pfizer	87½	86½
Phelps Dodge	55½	55½
Philip Morris	71½	71
Phillips Pet	35½	36
Pitney Bowes	37	36½
Polaroid	36½	36½
PriceCostco	13½	13½
Procter & Gmbl	70½	69½
Providian	36	35½
Pub Serv E & G	29½	29½
Quaker Oats	34½	34
Ralston Purina	49½	49
Raychem Corp	35	34½
Raytheon	76½	76½
Reebok Intl	32½	32½
Reynolds Metals	48½	49½
Roadway Srvcs	45½	45½
Rockwell Intl	44½	44½
Rohm & Haas	58½	58½
Royal Dutch	125½	125½
Rubbermaid	30½	31½
SBC Comms	44½	43½
Safeco Corp	57½	57½
St Paul's Cos	50½	49½
Salomon Inc	40½	41
Santa Fe Pac	24½	12½
Sara Lee Corp	27½	26½
Scecorp	17½	17½
Schering Plough	78½	77½
Schlumberger	64½	64
Scott Paper	42½	43½
Seagram	29½	29½
Sears Roebuck	55½	55
Shell Trans	74½	74½
Sherwin Wlms	36½	36
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	35½	35½
Southern Co	21½	21½
Sprint Corp	32½	32
Stanley Works	39½	39½
Sun Company	31½	31½
Sun Microsys	44½	44½
Suntrust	57½	57½
Supervalu	28	27½
Sysco Corp	26½	26½
TRW Inc	77½	77½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	13½	13
Tandy Corp	46½	46
Teledyne	24½	24½
Temple Inland	43½	43½
Tenet Healthcare	16½	16½
Tenneco	47½	46½
Texaco	67½	67½
Texas Inst	114½	115½
Texas Utilities	35½	35½
Textron	59½	59½
Time Warner	39½	39½
Times-Mirror A	23	23½
Timken	42½	42½
Torchmark	39½	39½
Toys R Us	25½	25
Transamerica	58½	58
Travelers	41½	41½
Tribune	59	58½
Tyco Labs	53½	53½
UST Inc	28½	28½
UAL	113½	113½
USX Marathon	19½	19½
Unicom	27	27½
Unilever NV	128½	128½
Union Camp	50½	51½
Union Carbide	28½	29
Union Pacific	53½	53½
Unisys Corp	10½	10½
USAir Group	8½	8½
USF&G Corp	16½	16½
US Life	38½	38½
US West	40½	40½
United Tech	75½	75½
Unocal Corp	28½	28½
Upjohn	35½	35½
VF Corp	52½	52½
WMX Tech	27	27½
Wal-Mart Stores	24½	24
Warner Lambert	82½	81½
Wells Fargo	180½	179½
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhaeuser	44	43½
Whirlpool	56½	56½
Whitman	18½	18
Woolworth	15½	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44½	43½
Xerox	111½	110½
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Box-reply bids for AI plate

WHATEVER else is said about BTR, it can't be accused of not trying to make every asset sweat. It is putting up for sale the prized AI car registration number — a simple asset for which most classic car buffs would happily break a leg. The price is £250,000. But then AI is the first registration ever issued in 1903 by London County Council and Earl Russell, then Under-Secretary for Air, queued all night for the honour of being AI's first owner. Down the years, AI has belonged to John Bull tyres, then Dunlop, and, since 1985, to BTR. Collectors' offers to buy it have been consistently turned down, but BTR is now inviting box-reply bids. AI is not currently attached to any vehicle. So why sell now? "It was a board decision. It's not part of our style to be high profile," a box number said.

Honours even?

LORD NOLAN is yet to look into the matter of contributions to political parties, but at Kingfisher's annual meeting yesterday a shareholder wanted to know "if our money is to be given to a political party, will shareholders be invited to ballot for MBEs or any other honours resulting"? To which Sir Nigel Mobbs, acting chairman, quipped: "I'm not sure its practicable, but who knows."

MOTOROLA, BT, and United Colours of Benetton today launch a wacky communications product — the Benetton pager. The service works with code numbers, which the receiver deciphers, and include messages such as "stop calling me", "it's late — come home", and "I'm pissed off with you".



"CheeriomustgoBTisnow chargingbythesecond"

Golf croquet

NEW ground will be broken in the City next Monday when a demonstration game of golf croquet is played on the lawn at Exchange Square, Broadgate, between Peter Hillwood, a director of Hambros Bank and chairman of Arsenal Football Club, and Malcolm Kinmins, chairman of Corney & Barrow. The wine bar group is sponsoring a golf croquet league in the City, starting on June 17.

Try harder

"COULD try harder" is the message to Chevron's management. An in-house survey on bosses' performancethrew up several shortcomings. Almost half the staff felt management did not communicate openly and honestly, while nearly 30 per cent do not believe "senior management can handle today's business challenges".

MUSICAL chairs in the City include two defections from the equity futures desk at Goldman Sachs. Claire Marshall, four years at GS and previously five years at Cazenove, has joined Kleinwort Benson's Existrated equity futures team, and Bill Rassel has left GS for Salomon Brothers.

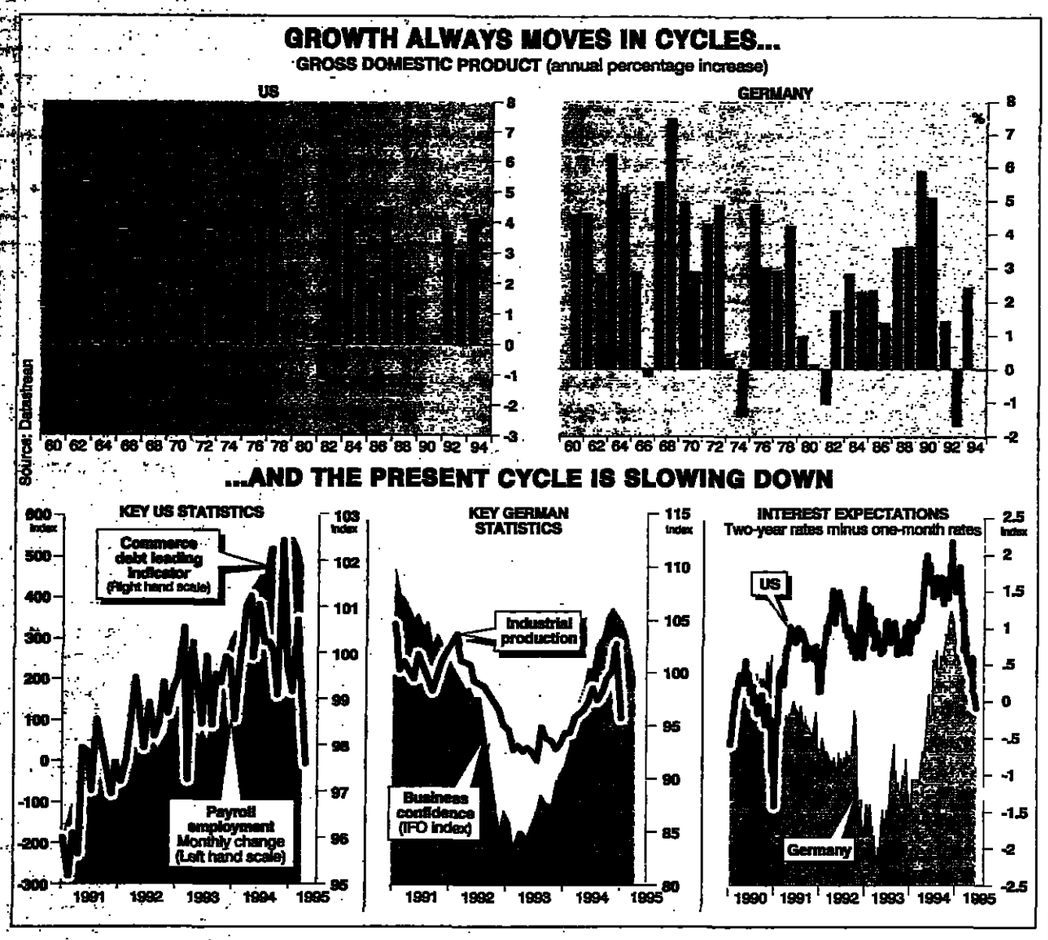
COLIN CAMPBELL



NATHEE GALETSKY

Europe faces a threat of long-term stagnation

It is not in the nature of market economies to lurch from one recession into another



Yesterday's aggressive and, for once, successful intervention in the currency markets by the Bundesbank and the US Federal Reserve Board has added weight to an observation about the present state of the world economy that I have been making for some time. The recent weakness of the dollar, or rather the unhealthy strength of the mark and the yen, has posed as big a threat to Germany as it has to Japan and France.

If yesterday's move implies that the German and Japanese authorities have finally learnt their lesson and will start to take responsibility for their currencies' bad behaviour, the world could be set fair for a long and steady period of economic growth to rival the golden age of the 1950s and 1960s. If on the other hand, Japan and Germany (along with its client states in continental Europe) cling to their outdated policies of unremitting deflation, then the economic opportunities of the next decade will simply pass them by.

In Europe a serious danger does exist — not of an outright recession with falling output and rapidly rising unemployment, but of long-term stagnation similar to the miserable period of "Eurosclerosis" that followed the recession of 1981 and did not end until 1988, when the Bundesbank finally reflated the European economy in response to the 1987 Louvre agreement to support the dollar and the subsequent stock market crash.

In America, by contrast, the fears of recession that have suddenly started to grip the markets are totally unfounded. Even though such scaremongering is likely to intensify in the coming months, it should be seen only as a buying opportunity for hard-headed investors.

First let us look at America, where sentiment has shifted with almost comic abruptness from a near-universal fear of inflationary overheating six months ago to equally widespread horror about recession. Some of the same economists who were accusing the Fed of being "behind the curve" on inflation and predicting that interest rates would have to rise from the present 6 per cent to 8 or 9 per cent before the economy started "cooling" are now calling on the Fed to save the economy from recession by cutting rates.

The clearest indicator of the sudden change in sentiment is the money market's expectation of future interest rates. This has collapsed over the past few months. One way of gauging this is to look at the gap between the interest rates paid on two-year Treasury bonds and the rate on one-month money (see bottom right chart). In late 1994, investors were expecting rates to rise sharply and therefore demanded 2 percentage points extra for tying up their money for two years. Today, the gap is negative: investors now believe that American interest rates are headed downwards; they are therefore willing to accept lower rates on bonds, fixed for two years, than on money.

The market may well be right to expect some easing in US interest rates before the end of the year. The American economy has slowed abruptly and will slow even further, but that does not mean that investors and businessmen in America should worry about the possibility of recession. The last recession ended only four years ago and a temporary slowdown at this stage was a perfectly predictable feature of the economic cycle. The fact that economists on Wall Street and the City failed to foresee this slowdown tells us less about the mysterious unpredictability of the economic cycle than about the bizarre hiring practices in the City and on Wall Street, where many a "chief economist" has not even seen a single economic cycle in his professional life.

It is simply not in the nature of market economies to lurch from one recession into another. Capitalism possesses a strong inner dynamic. Once an economy starts pulling out of recession and starts to grow, the mutually reinforcing processes of consumption, investment and income growth acquire an inherent momentum which cannot be stopped, except by some powerful external force. Since the Second World War there has been virtually no example of a "spontaneous" recession in any industrialised country. Whenever economic output has fallen for as long as a year (or even, if you take the American definition of recession, for as long as two consecutive quarters) some outside agency has been quite clearly to blame: either a major tightening of monetary or fiscal policy or some big external shock such as a sharp rise in the currency or an oil crisis.

Now let us look at Europe — and that means concentrating on Germany, since the Bundesbank, which runs economic policy in France and other ERM countries, has made it quite clear that the state of the German economy remains its sole concern. Any consideration of Germany's present economic position must bring us back to the dollar-mark. While German politicians and central bankers have spent the past three months repeating a mindless slogan — "a strong mark is a good mark" — the country's industrialists have been growing desperately worried about their loss of competitiveness, not only against America but also against Italy and Britain. The soaring mark has triggered some of the sharpest falls on record in Germany's business sentiment, industrial production and manufacturing orders.

The threat posed by the hypertrophic mark seems finally to have been understood even by the most Neanderthal members of the Bundesbank Council. Only three months ago, the Bundesbankers were unanimous in mocking the idea that a strong mark could possibly damage the German economy. The dutiful economic analysts in Frankfurt and London were equally unanimous in predicting that the mark would be allowed to rise forever and that the next move in German interest rates would be up. Now this consensus has abruptly changed. Bundesbank council members vie with each other to hint of lower interest rates, and the same market economists who were fretting two months ago about inflationary overheating are warning of an imminent recession if the Bundesbank fails to act.

In fact, however, the threat to Germany and its client states is more subtle, and therefore less certain to be averted. As in America, another recession so soon after 1992 is out of the question.

The threat that continental Europe does face is not of recession, but of long-term stagnation, with economic growth averaging about 2 per cent. Such a low growth rate would crush hopes of creating new jobs in such unemployment blackspots as France, Belgium and Denmark. More seriously for Europe's policy-making elites, who now seem completely inured to mass unemployment, a long period of Eurosclerosis would make it extremely difficult for countries such as France and Belgium to improve their public finances. It would also imply a steady widening of America's lead over the European Union in terms of productivity, technology and both the quality and quantity of industrial capital employed.

The danger for Europe is that the Bundesbank may actually be quite satisfied to see the west German economy expanding by only 2 per cent a year, since unemployment remains quite low in the western Laender, wage inflation remains a problem, and the economic power of Germany as a whole is growing with the reconstruction of the east.

For Europe, therefore, the long-term economic outlook is gloomy. Even though another recession is not in prospect, there seem to be only two possibilities that hold out real hope. A big fall of the mark against the dollar will stimulate investment and allow European industries to regain their competitive positions. Alternatively, a breakdown in the ERM could free governments outside Germany to stimulate both exports and domestic demand. Sooner or later, both are likely to happen. But countries like France have been waiting for years for deliverance by the foreign exchanges. It may be many more years before their White Wednesday finally comes.

Traders hope for a quiet life on T+3 day

***David Cowen** looks at the move by many markets to settle trades within three days*

Eurobond traders gather today in Lisbon for their annual meeting knowing that bonds are making something of a comeback, but hoping it will prove to be an uneventful day. Their desire for a quiet life is because it is also the day the Eurobond, US equities and other domestic securities markets move to settling their trades within three days (T+3).

The markets have been working towards shortened trade settlement cycles since 1987. Out of the rubble of the October crash was born the so-called Group of Thirty, formed to see how the markets could be made safer. It produced an over-optimistic but valuable report that has been the basis for change worldwide in building a new market mechanism.

Last year, Eurobond traders agreed at the International Securities Marketing Association (ISMA) meeting in New Orleans that the Eurobond markets would move to T+3 on June 1, 1995. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) originally specified January 1, 1996, as the date for change, but brought it forward by six months. The other domestic securities markets making a move to T+3 today are Belgium, Canada, The Netherlands and Sweden.

> The problems will become more acute, if there is a market failure

Conspicuous by its absence is London, which is still in the building phase of the Crest replacement for the Taurus project.

The clearing and settlement systems providers and central depositories such as Euroclear and Cedel have been steeling themselves to meet higher than usual levels of settlement activity during the changeover period. They have asked market participants to avoid large transactions by splitting trading tickets into smaller portions.

John Langton, chief executive and secretary-general of ISMA, said: "This is an important step forward for the international securities market." But he added that T+3 may not be the "be all and end all" of shorter settlement. "We should not rule out the likelihood of the settlement period being shortened further."

An SEC document on the change says: "Settlement of securities transactions on the fifth day after trade date (T+5) is largely a function of market custom and industry practice. Indeed, at one time other settlement periods were considered 'regular ways'." What this report alludes to is that in the 1920s the New York Stock Exchange settled on T+1. Prior to 1953, the American Exchange settled on T+2, but then let it slip to T+5 by 1968.

If the laggards among firms adjusting to the new environment have problems, they need not worry too much. There is broad agreement that where trades need extra time to settle, extensions will be permitted. The problems will become more acute, however, if there is a market failure combined with a number of participants not being up to speed with the new schedules. While the larger firms have made the move to T+3 part of their overall technology re-engineering process, the smaller firms have argued that the time, cost and effort involved have militated against them. Thus these firms do not have the adequate technical processes in place to interface with all their counter-parties.

In 1987, we saw traders spitting deals into the back office and paper piling up. Today, we could see an electronic version of this, but with mismatches between systems and counter-parties.

Calls for lighter transactions is a telling sign that the potential for a bottleneck is well understood, but a "market break" or "mini-crash" would compound the problem. In such a scenario, failing to settle rapid and large volumes of trades would be amplified and cause a wider systemic failure, turning a systems failure into a credit crunch.

A normal quiet market should allow today to pass without incident. The expected result? A new robust market infrastructure taking the financial system into the next century. But will the day pass quietly?

Energy use and the quality of life

From Mr Anthony Phillips

Sir, Mr Andrew Warren (Business Letter, May 17) is right to support energy conservation, but, in looking after the kilowatt-hours, we are in danger of losing sight of the giga-joules that are wasted.

To most people, economic prosperity means more production, more sales, and more energy consumed. We are expected to travel more, and faster. Each five minutes saved on a journey costs a disproportionate increase in energy and fuel consumed, since power required varies roughly with the cube of the speed.

Better roads, faster trains and improved air travel encourage more people to commute, and to commute over greater distances. Weekend breaks often mean trips to the Continent, and holidays are taken more frequently and often involve vast distances. There are hidden knock-on effects: the need for more power stations, more airport terminals, more congestion, increased stress and greater pollution. Standard of living is confused with quality of life.

Yet other changes, such as relentless advances in microelectronics (more bytes per buck), offer enormous scope for reducing energy demands by lessening the need to travel for many folk, meanwhile providing economic benefits, less waste and improved life quality.

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Litigation ban in Lloyd's offer is unwelcome

From Mr Tom Rodwell

Sir, Whilst the potential Lloyd's settlement is to be applauded, the proviso that all litigation against Lloyd's should cease means that the cheats, fraudsters and incompetents at Lloyd's who caused the problems will get away scot-free, and the nonsense of self-regulation will continue. This can only increase the possiblity of yet more Lloyd's-related chaos in the future.

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Shipyard ruling sinks tendering imperative

From Jill Chesworth

Sir, Re today's reports in *The Times* (May 24) about Michael Heseltine over-ruling the Monopolies and Mergers Commission recommendations on the proposed bids by British Aerospace and GEC for VSEL, I am amazed that the competitive tendering imperative which has helped sink warship yards such as Swan Hunter seems to have been sunk.

The MMC recommended that the GEC bid be blocked, mainly because it already owns Yarrow, the main warship competitor to VSEL. If GEC win the battle for Barrow, it will own the two main competitors for MoD contracts — what price competitive tendering then!

Yours faithfully,
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Another role awaits Bank of England

From Mr David Green

Sir, How right of the Bank of England to upbraid the clearing banks for becoming over-competitive in a depressed lending market.

Would it please put similar pressure on companies in the construction industry in case a few are tempted to reduce margins.

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Higher Inc Acc	701.20	746.00	-2.10	4.04
Higher Inc Inc	399.30	433.60	-1.20	4.04
Gilts Fxd Int Acc	194.20	206.10	-0.30	5.71
Gilts Fxd Int Inc	91.65	96.51	+0.11	5.71
Nth American	276.60	294.20	-1.10	
Europe	291.20	309.50	-0.10	0.64
Brit Excell	78.19	81.06	-0.79	3.01
Brit Fedinds Acc	105.60	112.40	-3.30	4.71
Brit Fedinds Inc	75.68	80.52	-0.19	4.71
Global Opps	86.71	92.21	-2.40	0.53
Balanced Acc	55.93	59.51	-0.14	3.02
Balanced Inc	54.20	57.67	-0.14	3.02
Japan Acc	44.85	47.72	-0.64	
Pac Basin Acc	369.90	393.50	-3.50	0.79
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	132.60	140.10	-0.50	7.14
High Inc Equity	164.50	176.40	-0.30	4.46
Worldwide Bond	293.30	320.50†	-0.60	4.35
Capital Growth				
American Growth	284.70	304.80	-3.30	.95
Asian Pacific	313.10	333.10	-1.90	
Assets & Earnings	269.70	286.90	.	2.74
Commdy & Energy	93.01	99.48	-1.12	.13
Euro Capital Inc	141.43	151.20†		.64
(Accum Units)	151.70	162.20		.64
General	241.30	256.60	-0.90	2.12
Japan	112.80	120.60	-1.20	
Mastertrust	142.70	152.60	-0.30	1.77
UK Growth Dist	119.20	127.50†		3.02
US Emerging Cos	128.10	137.00	-4.30	
Income & Growth	392.70	417.90†	-1.40	2.99
Ethical	59.22	63.02	-0.04	2.82
International	113.00	120.30	-0.60	.67
Dividend & Growth	62.17	66.14	-0.14	4.25
Global Cwth & Sec	67.29	72.40	-0.01	2.69
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£18.04	£19.40		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	46.04	47.60†	-0.32	0.64
Cash	50.52	50.52	-0.01	5.79
Emerging Mkts	67.68	71.51	-0.15	0.36
European	117.80	123.10		
Exempt	984.70	£10.56†	+1.90	1.78
Extra Income	46.85	50.23	-0.03	6.00
Far East Emg Eco	126.60	133.50	-0.30	0.51
Fixed Interest	32.58	33.70†	-0.04	8.72
Fund Inv Tst	166.10	173.63†	-0.20	5.95
Japan	177.40	186.42	-2.10	
Latin American	48.59	51.41	-1.25	0.95
Pacific	74.67	79.09†	-0.58	0.33
Property Share	62.84	65.96	-3.16	2.07
UK Emerging Cos	63.24	66.38	-0.19	1.96
UK Growth	44.84	47.51†	-0.04	2.47
Aber World Port	73.16	74.40†	-0.07	2.20
Ethical	63.81	66.95	-0.05	2.63
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	52.19	50.19	-0.03	7.48
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
Select Portfolio	86.61	92.14†	-0.49	.
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	75.35	79.95	-0.02	2.55
Income Builder Inc	70.91	75.44	-0.17	2.93
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	238.60	255.00	-0.60	3.06
Capital	419.30	448.20	-0.40	1.85
Balanced	704.40	753.00†	-1.80	2.64
Accumulator	£13.06	£13.96	-3.00	2.91
Income Trusts				
American Income	49.98	53.32	-0.51	3.34
High Income	407.60	435.70	-1.10	3.54
Equity Income	229.90	245.70	+0.50	3.39
High Yield	244.40	261.20†	-0.60	3.33
Govt Securities	33.53	35.40†	-0.12	5.99
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	155.20	165.90	-1.30	0.42
European Growth	36.07	38.46	-0.26	0.01
International	159.00	169.90†	+0.40	0.19
Japan	181.10	192.80†	-4.60	0.01
Pacific	375.80	401.70	-2.30	0.01
Secs of America	445.70	474.10	-4.40	0.49
Wwide Asset Val	47.98	51.29	-0.05	0.23
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	536.80	573.80†	-1.00	2.22
Conv & Gilt	43.36	46.35	-0.02	5.01
Smaller Cos	171.20	183.00	-0.10	1.21
2nd Smaller Cos	162.00	173.10	+0.10	1.40
Recovery	141.60	151.33†	+0.70	1.73
Met Min & Cmdty	149.80	160.10†	+0.20	0.74
Oseas Earnings	360.40	385.20†	+1.00	1.75
Technology	171.70	183.50	-0.60	0.01
UK Special Sits	479.60	512.60	+2.40	1.69
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Charcio Dist Pens	102.70	106.60		3.04
Foundtn Pensl Pens	62.69	65.13		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0083				
Capital	72.97	77.63	-0.23	2.09
International	63.28	67.32	-0.68	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	260.10	279.30	-1.70	
Bond	115.40	121.50	-0.20	6.76
Brit Smlr Cos	102.30	108.70	+0.10	1.74
Conv & Gen	65.70	69.69†	+0.17	5.82
Europe	225.20	239.60	-2.20	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	100.50	107.10	-0.70	0.60
Income Gwth	341.50	363.30	+0.60	4.26
Japan	282.40	300.00	-4.90	
Latin American	65.86	70.06	-0.55	
Pacific	107.30	114.10	-0.70	1.20
UK Smlr Cos	54.86	58.36	-0.02	1.33
Japan Fd	608.50	627.00	-5.10	
Mngd Fd	175.00	185.80†	-0.40	3.24
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	295.00	310.60	.	0.99
Capital Gwth	113.00	118.90	.	2.76
Wwide Opps	185.30	185.10	.	1.04
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	350.30	364.80†		2.95
European Bal Inc	92.28	95.55	-0.12	7.15
Exempt	73.71	78.62†	-0.21	4.36
Financial	75.76	81.02†	-0.04	2.82
500.0	445.30	481.40	+0.20	2.60
General	276.40	295.90	-0.30	2.90
Property	241.40	262.30†		6.67
Trustee	186.70	199.50		2.45
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.70	100.70		5.32
Extra Income	119.50	128.20†	-0.20	4.15
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.94	58.90†	+0.12	6.46
Income	529.20	566.00	-0.80	4.03
Income Builder	63.11	67.20	-0.01	4.75
Intl Income	63.11	67.14	+0.03	3.53
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	119.70	127.60		2.59
Leisure	129.20	138.20	-0.30	1.47
Recovery	427.20	458.90	-0.50	2.84
Smllr Cos Inc	45.44	48.73	-0.09	2.30
Special Sits	287.60	307.60	+0.38	1.70
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	129.50	137.40†	-0.70	0.61
Aust Acc	226.80	241.30	-3.30	2.11
Aust Inc	139.50	148.40	-2.10	2.11
Euro Gwth Inc	156.70	166.40	-0.30	1.04
(Accum Units)	167.60	178.00	+0.30	1.04
Japan & Gen Inc	160.00	169.40	-1.50	
(Accum Units)	161.80	171.30	-1.60	
Japan Spec Sits	72.94	77.26	-0.74	
Univ Tech Inc	79.86	85.17	-0.46	0.04
Worldwide	166.40	176.70	-0.50	0.95
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	92.67	98.17	-1.21	..
Amer Smlr Cos	128.10	137.00	-1.80	
Convertibles	52.90	56.97	+0.03	5.70
Eastern	279.20	302.20	+2.00	0.30
Equity Income	84.24	90.43†	-0.29	4.90
European Growth	310.50	329.30†	-0.60	0.80
Europe	226.00	240.10	-0.40	0.20
German Growth	77.31	81.97	-0.29	0.50
Global Bond	64.60	68.02	+0.02	6.20
Global Growth	124.60	132.80	-0.90	
Japan Growth	174.70	185.70	-2.00	
Japan Sunrise	139.50	148.00	-0.80	
Korea Trust	70.75	78.21	-0.06	
Portfolio	131.10	140.30	-0.30	2.10
(Accum Units)	241.10	258.10	-0.60	2.10
UK Growth	84.66	90.86	-0.42	2.30
UK Smaller Cos	81.32	86.66†	-0.13	1.80
Select Managers	75.82	81.25	-0.03	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	75.13	79.93		
Special Opps Inc	56.43	60.03		
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	110.03	116.43	+1.54	1.87
(Accum Units)	124.82	132.08	+1.74	1.87
Smaller Cos	108.94	115.28†	-0.01	1.29
Higher Yield	45.70	48.36	-0.04	4.80
American Gth Inc	72.73	76.97	+0.28	
European Growth	136.09	144.01	-0.09	0.26
(Accum Units)	138.77	146.85	-0.09	0.26
Global Bond Inc	26.66	27.63†	+0.07	8.98
Mngd Ptflo Inc	42.31	44.75	+0.14	1.54
(Accum Units)	43.13	45.62	+0.14	1.54
Intl Spec Opps	115.76	122.50	-0.25	
Pacific Gth	128.74	136.23	-0.93	
Formerly LAS				
UK General	78.07	82.61	-1.03	3.60
(Accum Units)	79.94	84.60	+1.06	3.60
Japan	54.88	58.07	-0.52	
Gilt & Fixed Int	97.28	100.81†	-0.25	7.88
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.35	65.17	+0.08	6.39
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Environ	159.00	169.20	-0.10	1.72
UK Growth	171.60	182.60	-0.30	2.36
UK Income	133.30	141.90†	-0.10	4.42
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	189.60	201.00	-0.60	1.96
-do- Income Dist	108.20	114.70	-0.20	4.36
(Accum Units)	333.70	353.70	-0.50	4.36
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.88	43.33	+0.04	6.29
Growth Units	203.30	217.40	-0.50	2.28
Bond	174.00	183.30	+1.00	6.41
Intl Growth	209.40	222.90	-0.60	0.36
North American	190.70	203.50	-0.80	0.44
Far East	275.10	294.20	-2.00	1.27
UK Smaller Cos	179.70	191.60		1.70
European	84.25	89.59	-0.14	0.35
Japanese Growth	46.00	48.98	-0.52	
High Income	191.30	204.60	-0.06	4.04
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	158.30	168.50	-0.50	
European Inc	80.91	85.68	-0.19	0.53
Smaller Cos (4-1)	82.71	87.99	-0.19	1.97
Growth	429.00	456.40	+2.20	2.22
Income & Growth	415.10	441.80	-1.00	3.91
(Accum Units)	592.20	630.10	-1.40	3.91
Japan & Gen	67.97	72.09	-0.75	
Master Portfolio	£101.01	£104.63†	-56.00	2.46
(Accum Units)	£121.14	£125.48	-68.00	2.46
Special Sits	98.47	104.76	-0.13	2.20
High Yield	£13.22	£13.63†	-3.00	4.45
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	85.23	90.96		2.44
American Portfolio	94.20	100.46		1.15
European Portfolio	99.53	106.01	...	0.75
Japanese Portfolio	60.97	64.75	-0.86	
Pacific Portfolio	137.71	148.02	-0.41	0.99
UK Inc & Growth	77.04	82.63	...	3.35
USA & Euro	54.32	54.57		1.12
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	664.60	667.10		4.66
Fxd Int Sec	147.30	148.00		9.73
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0171 332 5000				
UK General Tst	64.62	68.74	-0.11	2.69
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 0171 588 1815				
Inc	654.70	663.17		4.72
Accum	£28.00	£28.34		
Fixed Int Inc	120.55	120.84		9.52
Fixed Int Acc	192.95	193.43		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 637 7667				
Intl Growth	113.66	121.79		
UK Income	109.42	118.84		5.369
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beaufort Intl	87.26	87.99	+1.15	1.78
Beck Bio-Tech	27.57	29.22		
Acorn Ethical Tst	148.95	156.42		0.69
City Fin Assets	69.65	75.11		1.58
City Fin America	89.95	94.35	-3.22	
City Fin Intl	77.61	85.01	-0.65	0.89
City Fin Japan	150.15	157.67	-2.27	
Friars Hse Cap	277.15	300.45		1.64
Friars Hse Inc	191.29	208.17		4.05
Buckley Wrld Gth	123.21	130.60	+2.30	
Farmer Cac Gth	133.91	142.68†		
Farmers Intl	145.40	155.63†		
J Sd Inc/Gth Inc	53.89	58.34		4.22
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	55.77	59.17	-0.16	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	59.98	64.15	-0.63	
Asia Mngd Gwth	36.98	39.45	-0.16	0.60
Dragon Growth	67.30	71.87	+0.38	0.53
Ecoty High Inc	84.63	90.03	-0.13	3.96
(Accum Units)	114.67	121.99	-3.18	3.96
Extra Income Inc	25.77	27.13	-0.01	5.52
Extra Income Acc	26.08	27.45	-0.01	5.62
European Gwth	53.06	56.45	-0.24	1.33
Evergreen	27.52	29.43	-0.14	
General Equity	85.43	90.64	-0.24	2.82
Japan Growth	47.29	50.58	-0.84	
Pedigree Gwth	51.99	55.31	-0.06	2.77
Pad Smr Cos Inc	30.44	32.38†		1.47
(Accum Units)	31.85	33.88		1.47
Retirement Inc	36.18	37.85	-0.04	5.46
Special Sits	38.25	40.69	-0.04	2.13
UK & Overseas	49.13	52.27	-0.10	1.35
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 896 000				
Capital	69.61	73.79	-0.23	2.01
Income	63.40	67.21	-0.14	4.00
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	159.23	169.39	-0.42	5.17
Fixed & Convertible	39.14	41.64	+0.11	7.16
Monthly Inc Plus	47.44	50.47	+0.05	9.88
Preference Share	45.12	48.00	-0.03	7.84
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	121.79	129.56	-0.04	6.27
Managed Fund	68.04	72.38	-0.14	3.26
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.06	40.49	+0.04	2.01
(Accum Units)	44.31	47.14	-0.05	2.01
UK & General	80.30	85.43	-0.18	2.99
(Accum Units)	101.78	108.28	-0.23	2.99
UK Growth	148.28	157.74	-0.61	2.56
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	194.31	206.71	-0.44	0.12
Far Eastern Gth	124.51	132.46	-0.42	
Global Bond	79.52	84.53	-0.02	6.71
Japan Growth	107.86	114.74	-2.06	
North Amer Gth	169.73	180.56	-0.74	
Oriental Growth	76.69	81.59	-0.32	0.07
Worldwide Growth	64.09	68.19	-0.39	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.14	92.14	-0.01	6.07
Homeowner Fund	79.10	84.15	-0.10	1.79
Quilter Fund	130.15	138.46	-0.56	2.34
For Confederation see Sun Life of Canada				
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	31.48	33.76		3.29
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	152.90	162.70†	+1.50	1.42
Income	69.15	73.57	-0.08	4.86
European	62.53	66.53†	-0.61	0.66
Recovery	160.30	170.60	-0.30	1.91
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9484				
Equity Dist	830.00	842.90†		3.66
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	77.65	82.60	-0.08	0.45
Income	241.10	256.40	+0.50	4.54
(Accum Units)	605.80	644.50	-1.30	4.56
Smaller Cos	167.70	178.40		0.58
(Accum Units)	205.00	218.00		0.58
Inv Portfolio	81.09	86.26	-0.11	1.39
High Inc Port	70.63	75.13	-0.18	4.82
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.69	£16.05	+12.20	
Japan Small Cos	£11.01	£11.21	-1.70	
UK Small Cos	£18.03	£18.79	+4.40	
US Small Cos	£16.62	£16.96	-34.90	
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	204.80	215.60†		2.95
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	283.50	299.40†	-1.10	0.93
New Asia	218.70	231.30	+0.70	0.15
Japan Growth	105.80	112.70	-0.50	
Jap Smlr Co	412.70	439.00†	-3.10	
Nth Amer	273.90	292.40	-0.50	0.81
Shtrd Asia Pac Mt	119.10	126.40	+0.10	0.35
UK Inc & Gwth	217.10	231.70†	-0.39	2.87
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	143.70	152.90	-0.30	1.75
UK High Inc Inc	151.90	161.60†	-0.40	4.46
(Accum Units)	198.20	210.90†	-0.50	4.46
UK Pref & F I Inc	59.40	63.07†	+0.12	4.98
Environmtl Opps	87.68	93.36†	+0.04	1.01
UK Smlr Cos	52.66	56.02	+0.08	.00
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 080 528				
American	127.60	135.70	+1.10	1.29
Convertibles	20.78	22.08†	-0.01	6.34
Equity Income	128.00	136.00	-0.10	3.90
EuroFood	46.47	49.32	-0.56	0.41
Financial	45.03	47.84	-0.12	1.57
Growth & Inc	240.00	255.00		3.02
High Dist	154.50	164.20		4.57
International	386.70	410.90	-1.60	0.12
Inv Cap Inc	94.84	101.20†	-0.70	2.72
Latin American	26.99	28.68	-0.56	
Pacific	80.33	85.35	+1.10	
Preference Share	21.78	23.14	+0.02	7.13
Tokyo	200.50	213.00	-8.60	
UK Smaller Cos	229.80	244.20†	+0.20	1.13
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
Ecton Trust	214.39	228.78	-0.64	0.85
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	202.30	215.20		0.94
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	83.11	87.48	-0.25	1.92
Ethical Tst	41.44	43.62	-0.29	1.35
Far Eastern	295.07	310.60	-0.72	1.97
High Income	131.01	137.91†	+0.14	4.89
Intl Growth	117.38	123.56	+0.35	1.18
North American	113.69	119.67	-0.50	1.37
Pelican	117.41	123.59	+0.22	3.43
Smaller Cos	65.38	68.82	-0.07	2.94
Special Sits	87.02	91.60	-0.07	2.59
Tst of Inv Tsts	182.80	192.42	+0.02	1.83
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	197.68	205.92†	+0.23	1.55
Smaller Cos Acc	347.47	361.95†	+0.41	1.55
Recovery	49.41	51.47†	-0.14	1.98
Recovery Acc	50.32	52.42†	-0.13	1.98
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Balanced	111.23	118.33†	-0.06	5.88
Capital Growth	83.26	89.29	+0.03	.
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.37	47.33	+0.04	0.61
High Income	41.39	44.36	-0.01	10.37
Warrant	51.76	56.26	-0.04	
Zero Preference	38.56	40.91	-0.05	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	78.56	83.57†	-0.20	2.82
Family Income Tst	45.10	45.10†		8.56
Family Trust	87.05	92.60†	-0.56	1.86
United Charities	265.70	282.60†	-0.800	4.25
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree Private Client: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.80
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.59	27.70†	+0.05	7.16
Intl Bond	29.95	31.06		4.67
Income Funds				
High Income	24.07	25.33	-0.02	4.81
Income Plus	110.30	117.39	-0.30	3.73
Amer Eq Inc	48.02	50.81	-0.10	1.80
European Income	43.59	46.35	+0.10	1.36
Far East Inc	65.33	69.45†	-0.20	2.33
Global Converable	22.35	23.85	-0.03	3.24
UK Div Gth	24.84	26.42	-0.08	1.86
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	65.33	68.69	+0.89	
American	251.80	266.70	-2.20	
Amer Spec Sits	118.20	126.10†	-2.10	..
Japan Smaller Cos	33.95	38.22	-0.46	
European	175.60	186.80	-0.40	
European Opps	63.77	67.81	+0.20	
Global Priv	25.78	27.42	-0.07	0.61
UK Growth	91.89	97.71	-0.17	
Growth & Inc	143.60	152.70	-0.40	1.90
Intl PEP	37.31	39.68	-0.20	
Japan Spec Sits	84.10	89.63	-1.12	
Japan	177.40	188.80	-2.90	
Managed Intl	273.10	290.90	-3.30	
Moneybuilder	52.77	56.11	-0.10	
Recovery	47.25	50.24	-0.04	
South E Asia	155.30	165.70	+1.90	
Special Sits	517.50	550.30	+5.20	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	109.52	109.52	+0.01	5.80
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced	137.40	140.00	+0.10	1.84
Inc Pfolio	85.63	87.22†	+0.07	3.29
Cap Pfolio	143.10	145.60	-0.30	1.54
General Opps	121.78	123.30†	+0.10	3.48
Growth Inc	30.56	31.23†	-0.06	1.71
Private Portfolio	413.50	421.70	-4.30	1.87
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	116.50	123.10	-0.30	0.34
Emrg Asian	161.30	172.40	-1.30	
High Income	21.15	22.49	-0.04	10.00
Oseas Income	93.11	98.71		3.25
UK Growth	108.80	116.30	-0.10	1.85
UK Income	106.60	113.80†		3.71
US Smaller Cos	309.80	331.30	-1.00	0.14
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	47.59	50.04	-0.13	3.27
-do- Inc Tst Inc	75.97	79.86	-0.03	3.47
Intl Growth	70.00	73.51†		
Investment Trust	91.54	96.56	-0.08	.
UK Smaller Cos	84.24	88.58	-0.05	0.50
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 374 4100				
American Growth	58.63	62.52	-0.85	
(Accum Units)	58.63	60.52	-0.85	
Amer Smlr Cos	485.40	519.10	-6.70	
(Accum Units)	496.90	530.40	-6.30	
Capital Tst	313.60	333.52†	+0.70	1.61
(Accum Units)	451.00	473.60†	+1.00	1.61
Conv Smllr Cos	60.26	64.52	-0.03	0.56
(Accum Units)	63.37	67.86	-0.03	0.56
Convertible	123.00	134.80	-0.20	5.87
(Accum Units)	254.50	270.70	-0.30	5.87
Emerging Markets	66.11	70.65	-0.21	0.23
(Accum Units)	66.16	70.63	-0.34	0.23
European	120.70	123.20†	-0.50	0.13
(Accum Units)	126.90	134.70†	-0.60	0.13
Extra Income	341.00	362.60	-0.20	3.96
(Accum Units)	513.20	544.70	-0.50	3.96
Financial	124.20	133.40†	-0.40	0.30
(Accum Units)	131.10	141.30†	-0.30	0.30
Gilt Trust	64.16	66.15†	-0.29	6.84
(Accum Units)	92.05	94.91†	-0.41	6.84
Health Fund Inc	135.60	144.20†	-1.00	.
(Accum Units)	135.00	144.20†	-1.60	
Income & Growth	190.50	204.60†	-0.30	3.32
(Accum Units)	295.10	313.90†	-0.40	3.32
Intl Growth	351.50	376.20†	-4.30	
(Accum Units)	393.30	417.90†	-4.70	
Japan & Gen	157.90	168.50	-2.00	
(Accum Units)	159.50	170.20	-2.00	
Monthly Inc	164.10	174.50†		3.90
Managed Port Inc	103.90	105.40†	-0.20	1.73
(Accum Units)	111.40	117.30†	-0.40	1.73
Quarterly Income	52.39	56.17†	-0.09	4.60
(Accum Units)	56.83	60.93†	-0.10	4.60
Recovery	330.30	353.10	-1.80	0.13
(Accum Units)	398.50	415.80	-1.90	0.13
UK Growth	53.82	57.20†	-0.13	2.79
(Accum Units)	57.06	60.98†	-0.15	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	46.43	49.29	-0.31	0.83
FP Am Smlr Cos	118.88	127.03	+0.60	0.0
FP Asian Gwth	264.50	282.80	+6.10	0.0
FP Australian	310.30	332.90	-2.60	0.0
FP Equity Dist	394.40	408.90†	-0.60	2.74
-do- Accum	822.70	875.20†	-1.30	2.74
FP Euro Gth	213.10	226.60		0.62
(Accum Units)	231.60	246.30		0.62
FP Intl Bond	58.81	62.19	+0.09	5.10
FP Intl Gth Dist	92.61	98.52	-0.40	0.73
-do- Accum	96.92	103.10	-0.40	0.73
FP Pac Basin Acc	203.50	217.50	-0.30	
FP Income	55.57	59.27	-0.46	4.89
(Accum Units)	179.90	191.80	+1.40	4.89
FP Jap Smlr Cos	295.40	315.00	-4.70	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	71.76	76.58†	-0.11	5.79
FP Stlg Deposit	100.70	100.70†	-0.10	6.25
FP Tokyo	82.95	88.48	-1.33	0.0
FP UK Focus	36.34	39.07†	+0.03	1.95
FP UK Growth	174.30	185.80	+1.00	2.94
(Accum Units)	337.40	359.80	+1.90	2.94
Stewardship Dist	340.50	362.20†	-0.30	1.91
-do- Accum	420.40	447.20†	-0.40	1.91
Stwdshp Inc Dist	71.37	75.82†	-0.20	3.46
-do- Accum	93.67	99.64†	-0.25	3.46
N Am Stshp Dist	96.35	102.50	-1.00	0.86
-do- Accum	102.46	108.90	-1.10	0.86
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	109.60	116.50†	+0.20	1.05
Open Cap Gth Acc	110.40	117.40†	+0.30	0.30
Cap Gth Inc Inc	105.80	112.50	-0.20	2.34
Cap Gth Inc Acc	108.30	115.20	+0.20	2.34
Dom Cp Gth Ic Ic	108.39	115.20	-0.20	2.93
Dom Cp Gth Ic Ac	110.50	117.90	+0.10	2.93
NM Unit Trusts				
Intnl	32.37	34.54	-0.10	0.94
(Accum Units)	46.95	50.10	-0.13	0.94
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	236.90	252.60†	-0.50	2.44
Cash	49.43	50.17†		5.30
Growth Portfolio	77.63	82.28	-0.19	1.00
Income Portfolio	63.96	67.64†	-0.10	4.58
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 8441				
Special Sits	189.60	202.80	+0.40	1.41
Dividend	90.50	96.79	-0.94	3.41
Intl Gth & Inc	223.40	238.90	+0.80	3.07
UK $ Gen	45.55	48.72	+0.15	1.61
Fund of Funds	63.23	67.63	+0.01	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 8431				
Amer Spec Sits	186.20	199.20	-2.10	
European	570.60	609.90	+3.30	0.33
Far East & Gen	236.80	253.10	-1.70	
Germany	117.20	124.20	-0.30	
Income Inc	152.50	163.10	-0.50	4.49
(Accum Units)	164.80	176.30	-0.50	4.49
International	307.50	328.90	-2.30	
Intl Income	82.12	87.11	-0.07	3.80
Japan & General	367.20	390.20	-0.20	
Korean Securities	60.90	65.14	-0.10	
Smllr Cos Div Inc	45.26	48.41	+0.02	4.98
UK Capital Inc	167.40	179.10	-0.90	1.29
UK Capital Acc	292.70	313.10	-1.80	1.29
UK Spec Sits	80.68	86.29	-0.03	0.71
US & General	141.10	149.90†	-1.50	
Wwide Spec Sits	139.00	148.70	-0.80	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Digs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	49.46	52.68	-0.06	2.42
Cash Trust	138.08	138.08	+0.02	5.75
Practical Inv Inc	115.28	123.29	+0.15	3.20
(Accum Units)	263.56	281.88	+1.26	3.20
UK Index	151.10	152.63	-0.38	3.52
UK Smaller Cos	129.28	138.27	-2.94	0.73
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.25	25.94		8.08
High Income	33.16	35.48†	-0.17	5.13
UK Equity Income	134.46	143.81	-0.15	3.34
Global Bond	29.05	30.08	-0.05	4.42
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	45.76	48.94†	+0.31	
Global Inc & Gth	128.44	138.75†	-0.63	1.88
Gold & Intl Res	100.86	107.89	-1.00	
Global Utilities	128.18	136.96	-0.45	1.53
Overseas Funds				
American	146.29	155.74	-1.02	1.21
European	105.97	112.23	-0.03	1.16
Euro Sel Opps	153.95	163.52	-0.13	
Amer Emerging	103.45	110.64	-0.37	
Hong Kong	140.25	150.64	+1.64	1.53
Japan	225.64	239.74	-3.49	
Pacific Growth	216.24	231.27	-1.22	1.39
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	217.61	217.61†	-0.44	2.10
Long Term Bal	238.29	238.29†	-0.47	3.19
Med Term Bal	203.53	203.53†	-0.26	3.48
UK Equity	248.10	248.10†	-0.80	2.66
UK Emerging Cos	145.82	145.82	+0.17	2.18
American	242.40	242.40	-1.42	1.66
Japan	106.99	106.99	-1.94	
European	274.19	274.19	-0.10	1.16
Index Linked Gilt	176.77	176.77	-0.09	2.66
Fixed Interest	163.92	163.92†	+0.38	6.58
Amer Emerging	262.24	262.24	-2.58	
Pacific	234.15	234.15	+1.48	1.02
Emerging Mkts	121.31	121.31	-1.64	0.50
Index Strat Japan	148.84	148.84	-1.91	0.35
-do- Pacific Rim	186.01	186.01	+1.25	1.34
-do- Cont Europe	158.87	158.87	-0.38	1.82
Index Strat USA	139.24	139.24	-0.51	2.22
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	102.56	109.10	-0.22	
Med Term Bal	96.70	102.88	-0.13	
Long Term Bal	105.55	112.29	-1.82	
UK Equity	114.61	121.92	-1.26	
UK Emerging Cos	68.31	72.67	+0.09	
American	112.24	119.40	-0.70	
Japan	51.25	54.52	-0.72	
European	113.98	121.26	-0.04	
Fixed Interest	82.64	87.91		
Index Linked Gilt	78.44	83.44	-0.05	
Deposit	81.41	86.60	+0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Gth	116.60	124.00		
Berkeley Income	112.80	120.00	+0.10	4.13
BWH Intl	138.87	146.18	+0.24	0.56
Brettl Gth Port Inc	62.74	66.22	+0.18	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	57.47	60.65†		3.40
-do- Wwide Port	53.33	56.28	+0.13	0.10
Skew Utilities	54.98	58.03†	+0.04	2.36
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	558.28	593.91		1.71
(Accum Units)	620.82	660.55		1.71
European Inc	147.84	157.28		0.84
Amalgam Inc	144.77	153.34	-0.95	
N America Inc	333.97	355.29		
Far East Inc	334.97	356.35		
(Accum Units)	346.93	369.07		
UK Dvld Inc	180.37	191.88	+0.33	1.27
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	89.89	96.13	-0.13	4.93
UK Small Cos	49.59	53.03	-0.12	1.02
British Growth	56.17	60.06†	-0.03	2.61
American Gwth	168.60	180.31	-4.11	
Japan Gwth	66.12	70.63	-0.64	
Greater China	179.88	192.38	+0.20	
Pacific Strategy	154.27	164.98	-0.01	
European Gwth	89.55	94.25	-0.31	0.29
Intl Growth	143.96	153.96	-0.64	
US Index (E)	13.94	14.69†	-0.02	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Intl	75.93	82.05		2.48
Monthly Income	38.17	40.70†	+0.02	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (E)	11.10	11.72	-0.08	3.90
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	90.99	96.80		1.58
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9666				
European	499.80	533.90	-0.80	0.49
Gilt & Fixed	130.00	137.90	+0.30	5.54
Growth Equity	332.90	355.60†	+0.90	1.84
Income Trust	131.70	140.70	-0.20	3.03
International	180.00	192.30	-0.90	0.28
Japan Trust	124.70	133.20	-1.40	
Nth American	267.40	285.60†	-0.90	0.13
Pacific	547.50	584.90†	+3.70	
Guardhill	507.40	542.00	+0.40	1.77
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2128				
EMU Trust	102.90	106.82	+0.72	7.24
Global High Inc	98.76	102.55	+0.72	6.83
Prem Fixed Int	105.60	109.62	+0.16	8.22
Eqty & Bond Inc	105.34	112.01	-0.32	5.07
European Growth	106.16	112.87	+0.61	
Intl PEP Trust	61.75	65.65	+0.13	
High Income	122.85	130.62†	+0.18	3.98
-do- Accum	171.35	182.09	-0.25	3.98
Recovery	373.60	397.20†	+1.80	1.79
(Accum Units)	434.60	462.10	-1.90	1.79
St Vinc High Inc	122.83	124.46	-2.91	7.09
UK Emrg Cos	243.60	259.08†	+0.90	1.95
UK Smr Cos	355.20	361.40	+0.90	2.46
Glob Priv Tst	95.00	101.01	+0.63	0.94
(Accum Units)	95.88	101.94	-0.62	0.94
Inc Share Tst	90.73	96.47	-0.09	8.25
HALIFAX UT MGRS LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	26.95	28.57	-0.02	1.70
Growth Acc	26.95	28.57	-0.02	1.70
Income	26.97	28.60	-0.05	3.42
Income Acc	26.97	28.60	-0.05	3.42
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	206.80	219.20	+0.80	2.43
Smaller Cos	32.83	34.93	+1.09	1.09
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	308.62	330.22	+0.30	1.52
Best of British	65.02	69.11†	-0.29	2.87
UK Smaller Cos	125.76	135.21	-0.04	1.92
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	279.59	297.75†	-0.41	3.79
(Accum Units)	764.00	813.63	-1.13	3.79
High Income	320.24	342.33†	+0.23	4.19
Extra Income	381.23	399.86	-0.41	5.68
Pref & Gilt	45.98	49.41†		8.79
International				
International	258.81	275.82	-1.89	0.57
Global Bond	53.79	57.06	-0.24	4.51
Intl Port Tst	82.02	87.31†	+0.03	0.17
Global Tech	175.34	187.02†	-3.74	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	177.76	190.69	+0.02	0.15
European	483.59	517.75†	-1.58	1.24
European Income	84.92	89.97	-0.12	2.73
Euro Smlr Cos	154.62	165.50†	+0.17	0.61
Eur Sp Sits	71.66	76.64	-0.27	0.71
(Accum Units)	76.76	82.14	-0.29	0.71
Japan Trust	180.43	192.36	-1.49	
Japan Special Sits	189.65	201.83	-2.52	
Pacific Smlr Cos	224.19	239.87	-1.98	
North American	238.92	254.20	+0.26	0.40
American Smaller	106.69	114.05†	-0.88	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	100.30	105.00†	+0.70	2.23
Capital	176.50	184.80	+1.00	1.63
Dollar	353.20	369.80†	-3.00	
Enterprise Gth	339.10	355.00	-4.90	1.69
European	235.40	246.40	+1.30	0.94
Far East	324.30	339.50	+6.50	0.46
Financial	845.80	885.70	+10.18	1.82
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.15	27.19	+0.10	7.26
High Yield	103.90	108.70†	+0.60	4.01
Income & Growth	145.70	152.50†	+0.90	3.31
International	256.90	269.00	-0.80	0.02
Japanese General	194.20	203.30	-2.00	..
Japan Tech	75.93	79.50	-0.96	
Nat Resources	70.34	73.65	-0.74	
Portfolio	73.12	76.56†	+0.64	1.31
Smaller Cos	135.10	141.40	+2.90	1.51
Special Sits	154.90	162.10	-2.00	1.45
UK Emerging Cos	93.75	98.16	+0.13	1.00
US Smaller Cos	89.25	93.45†	-0.93	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced	102.70	109.60†	-0.10	5.95
Capital	596.30	636.40†	-2.0	2.08
Income	571.90	610.40	+1.30	5.02
Footsie Fund	55.56	55.64	-0.15	2.95
Trout Index	110.80	118.30	+1.80	1.99
UK Index	141.20	150.70	-0.70	3.14
International Funds				
American Growth	488.60	521.80†	-2.10	0.32
American Index	209.60	223.40	-0.70	1.18
European Growth	115.80	123.60	-0.20	0.26
Eurotrack 100	165.20	175.40	-0.60	0.56
Global Bond	21.85	23.06	-0.04	5.89
Japan Growth	268.60	283.80	-3.80	
Japan Index	79.57	84.92	-0.69	0.18
Japan Smlr Cos	31.71	33.84	-0.48	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	59.77	63.79	+0.58	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	101.60	108.40	+0.40	1.12
Spore & Mlysn Gth	78.43	83.70†	-0.14	
Tiger Index	199.80	213.20	-1.60	1.40
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	32.00	33.26	+0.11	0.90
General Funds				
Managed	72.80	75.58†	-0.22	1.50
Regent Child Fnd	87.04	90.48†	-0.62	2.46
UK Growth	61.04	63.45†	-0.16	2.32
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	84.51	87.85	-0.14	6.48
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.84	27.88	+0.01	7.70
UK Inc & Gwth	41.08	42.70†	-0.11	3.67
UK Income	340.50	354.00†	-0.90	4.99
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	49.19	51.02	-0.31	0.19
Amer Smlr Cos	115.80	120.40	-1.20	
(Accum Units)	117.00	121.60	-1.40	
Europe Gth	157.90	183.80	-0.30	0.12
(Accum Units)	183.20	189.30	-0.40	0.12
Euro Smaller Cos	29.46	30.62	+0.04	
French Growth	80.69	83.87	-0.08	0.45
Accum Units	86.56	89.98	-0.08	0.45
H Kong & China	78.32	81.41	+0.95	1.73
Intl Growth	58.24	60.54	-0.23	0.54
(Accum Units)	58.73	61.05	-0.23	0.54
Japan Gth	30.56	31.77	-0.41	
Accum Units	30.56	31.77	-0.41	
Japan Smaller Cos	33.67	35.00	-0.73	
Glob Emg Mkts	94.21	97.93	-0.23	..
Accum Units	94.88	98.63	-0.23	..
SE Asia	328.20	341.20	+5.50	0.32
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	56.65	58.38†	+0.01	5.56
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
American Cap	133.40	141.80	-0.20	
Income	157.05	167.07	-0.14	3.65
UK Growth	58.98	62.74	-0.14	0.56
International	77.94	82.91	+0.19	0.08
Ecology	81.82	87.04	-0.51	1.24
European	128.63	136.69	+0.08	
Far Eastern	290.30	308.70	-15.10	.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	51.00	54.25	+0.47	7.10
Gilt Yield	117.80	124.30	+0.10	6.44
Global Income	211.00	224.50†	+1.73	4.37
High Yield	139.10	148.00	+1.09	5.99
(Accum Units)	425.80	453.00	+3.32	5.99
Smlr Cos Div	53.58	57.00†	+1.73	2.94
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	94.56	100.60	+0.48	.
North American	79.48	84.55	+0.05	0.15
European Special	120.40	128.10	+0.90	0.12
European	158.20	168.30	-0.70	0.36
(Accum Units)	207.80	221.10	-0.80	0.36
Global Eqty Inc	104.30	111.00	-0.50	1.08
Japan	377.90	402.00	-11.30	..
Japanese Special	199.60	212.60	-7.60	
Master Accum	239.40	254.70	+2.10	0.54
Pacific	326.60	347.40	+2.70	
(Accum Units)	383.00	407.40	-3.10	
Smaller Cos	110.00	117.00†	+0.10	1.39
UK Equity Growth	38.60	41.06	+0.01	1.58
UK Index Inc	280.80	294.30	+1.73	4.04
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 0171 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	62.86	66.87		
Inv Trust	66.25	70.47		
Cautious Inc/Gth	60.12	63.95	..	1.50
High Inc Acc	56.09	59.66		4.00
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 588 2800				
Income	586.90	598.90		5.87
Intl & General	411.70	420.10		0.44
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	260.91	277.56†	-0.96	5.45
Inc & Growth Inc	56.05	59.63	-0.14	4.54
Smaller Cos	57.55	61.22†	-0.02	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	248.70	264.50†		2.00
High Income	109.40	116.30		4.38
International	98.85	105.10		0.66
Recovery Trust	66.54	70.78†		2.02
European Trust	83.00	88.29		1.02
Japanese Trust	41.44	44.08		
American Trust	89.68	95.11	..	0.05
Managed	67.58	71.89		0.77
Cash	50.35	50.35		4.83
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 374 0916				
UK Cap	377.50	403.70	+19.50	2.54
UK Inc/Gth	403.90	431.20	-20.60	3.20
UK Income	279.50	298.90†	+14.10	3.86
UK Sm Cos	241.50	261.90	-12.90	1.86
Euro Gwth	131.50	139.30	+6.70	
N Amer Gwth	87.07	92.57	+4.05	0.26
Japan Growth	62.41	66.38	+2.44	
Money Mkt	124.53	124.53	+0.398	1.560
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	484.40	515.30	-1.40	2.70
(Accum Units)	962.80	£10.24	-3.00	2.70
Equity Income	100.60	107.00	-0.10	3.72
UK Tactical Alloctn	57.83	61.41	-0.28	3.74
European	123.50	131.40†	-0.40	1.08
Far Eastern	213.90	227.50	+1.10	
Fixed Interest	52.78	56.12	+0.10	7.18
Gilt	89.96	95.40†	+0.16	6.46
Global Growth	73.89	79.56†	-0.01	0.65
Intl Bond	53.84	57.21	-0.02	4.81
Japanese	67.81	72.14	-0.78	
North American	150.30	159.90	+0.30	1.12
Pacific Growth	112.20	119.40	-0.90	0.42
UK Index	63.80	67.34†	-0.17	3.18
UK Recovery	93.78	99.77†	-0.01	1.87
UK Smaller Cos	125.70	133.70	+0.20	1.50
US Index	62.74	66.22	-0.28	1.88
European Index	78.48	82.83	-0.24	1.73
Japan Index	41.27	43.50	-0.58	0.05
Worldwide	83.48	88.81†	-0.23	1.87
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 821				
Growth	51.21	54.77	-0.14	2.12
Income	59.09	63.19	-0.45	3.00
Far East	51.86	55.45†	-0.31	0.09
North American	98.26	105.10†	-3.20	0.0
Global	93.41	99.90	-1.60	0.35
European	89.61	95.84	-0.42	.61
Japan	101.10	108.10	-1.40	0.0
Intl Currency Bd	61.91	65.87†	+0.03	4.34
SE Asia	100.60	107.60†	+0.40	0.0
UK Cap Growth	94.15	100.70†	-0.10	1.52
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	349.10	371.40†	-0.80	2.96
-do- Acc	804.30	855.70	-1.60	2.96
Conti Euro Gth	67.95	71.53	+0.14	1.18
-do- Acc	72.61	76.44	+0.14	1.18
Extra Inc	258.80	275.40†	-0.31	4.23
-do- Acc	684.60	726.30	-8.90	4.23
FTSE 100 Inc	102.40	109.00	-0.30	3.16
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German Gth	133.30	140.40	+0.80	
-do- Acc	138.88	147.20	+0.70	
Growth Port	561.30	597.20	+7.30	0.28
-do- Acc	570.70	607.20	+7.50	0.28
HI Reserve Inc	103.10	109.70†		6.61
HI Reserve Acc	104.40	111.10		6.61
Income	495.60	527.30	-0.60	3.64
-do- Acc	£13.54	£14.41	-2.00	3.64
Income Port	528.50	553.80		3.86
-do- Acc	587.89	592.60	+0.10	3.80
Japan Growth	99.33	105.70	-1.20	..
-do- Acc	99.68	106.10	-1.20	..
Master Trust	59.49	63.29	+0.63	1.37
-do- Acc	66.41	70.65	+0.63	1.37
N American Gth	183.00	194.70	-0.80	
-do- Acc	211.30	224.80	-1.00	
N Am Sm Co Rec	136.50	145.30	-1.70	..
-do- Acc	139.40	148.30	-1.60	
Pacific Basin	258.80	275.40	+8.10	0.89
-do- Acc	275.00	292.60	+8.60	0.89
Small Cos Rec	386.80	407.20†	-12.40	2.05
-do- Acc	522.10	549.80	+16.80	2.05
UK Growth	87.68	93.28	-0.17	2.28
-do- Acc	108.50	113.40	-0.20	2.38
Worldwide Gth	316.70	337.00	-3.40	0.86
-do- Acc	467.30	497.20	+5.29	0.86
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	66.89	71.77	-0.39	0.19
General	87.41	93.75†	-0.15	2.40
Income	65.43	70.20	-0.17	5.50
International	63.69	68.23	-0.23	0.40
Japan	53.98	57.91	-0.65	
Tst of Inv Trusts	67.76	72.70†	+0.03	1.48
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	397.00	413.80	-2.20	0.54
(Accum Units)	494.60	523.10	-2.70	0.54
Amer Recovery	468.50	495.40†	-3.50	0.42
(Accum Units)	539.28	569.20†	-4.00	0.42
Amer Smlr Cos	130.20	137.70	-0.40	
(Accum Units)	133.00	140.60	-0.50	
Australasian	144.50	153.28	-1.80	2.07
(Accum Units)	177.30	187.40	-1.90	2.07
Capital	847.90	896.70	-0.20	2.70
(Accum Units)	972.90	£10.28	-0.20	2.70
Charifund	701.90	709.00	+0.50	5.66
(Accum Units)	£33.34	£33.68	+2.10	5.66
Commodity	374.80	396.30	-1.90	0.52
(Accum Units)	550.20	581.80	-2.90	0.52
Compound Grth	965.70	£10.21†	+0.70	3.05
(Accum Units)	£10.26	£10.85†	+0.80	3.05
Dividend	41.10	43.50†		4.37
(Accum Units)	175.30	185.50†	-0.10	4.37
Equity Income	348.70	368.80	+0.30	4.78
(Accum Units)	453.00	479.10	+0.40	4.78
Euro & General	520.90	560.90	+0.50	1.22
(Accum Units)	658.90	696.90	-0.70	1.22
Euro Dividend	74.60	78.30		3.70
(Accum Units)	83.10	94.30		3.70
Extra Yield	422.10	446.40	+0.10	4.86
(Accum Units)	£13.33	£14.10	+0.30	4.86
Far Eastern	345.00	364.80	-1.40	0.74
(Accum Units)	458.00	484.20	-1.90	0.74
Fund of Inv Tsts	616.60	652.10†	+0.30	2.08
(Accum Units)	£11.63	£12.30†	+0.50	2.08
General	62.80	68.40		3.77
(Accum Units)	176.60	186.70		3.77
Gilt Income	61.01	61.11†	+0.28	7.59
(Accum Units)	172.25	172.54†	+0.56	7.59
Gold	61.70	65.20	-0.90	0.86
(Accum Units)	72.90	77.00	-1.10	0.86
High Income	29.40	31.10		4.74
(Accum Units)	117.90	124.70	-0.10	4.74
Intl Growth	75.20	79.50	-0.30	0.96
(Accum Units)	131.20	138.70	-0.60	0.96
International Inc	98.70	104.40†	-0.20	4.68
(Accum Units)	148.60	157.20†	-0.30	4.68
Japan & Gen	40.90	43.30†	-0.60	
(Accum Units)	43.90	48.40†	-0.80	
Japan Smlr Cos	137.90	145.80†	-2.10	..
(Accum Units)	138.90	146.80†	-2.10	..
Managed Income	27.90	29.30†		4.23
Midland	63.50	67.20†	-0.10	3.19
(Accum Units)	214.70	227.10†	+0.20	3.19
Pension Ex	960.30	984.40	-1.80	4.29
Recovery	43.20	45.70	+0.10	2.56
(Accum Units)	70.90	75.00	+0.10	2.56
Second General	71.70	75.60	+0.10	3.48
(Accum Units)	186.20	196.80		3.48
Smaller Cos	69.50	73.50	+0.10	3.18
(Accum Units)	138.50	148.50	+0.30	3.18
Sterling Hi Int	25.24	25.34	+0.09	8.25
Treasury	25.04	25.09†		6.31
Trustee	42.00	44.40†	..	4.35
(Accum Units)	171.90	182.00†		4.35
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	85.08	90.51	-0.06	1.51
Intl Bond	65.95	69.32†	+0.13	5.57
Intl Equity Growth	72.77	77.27	-0.25	0.80
N Amer Growth	97.55	103.77	-0.27	1.02
Special Sits Growth	21.66	23.04	-0.02	2.08
UK Growth	376.20	400.20	-1.00	2.85
(Accum Units)	497.50	529.20	-1.20	2.85
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd	£13.25	£13.51†		3.30
Income	996.20	£10.11		4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	137.70	141.80	..	4.24
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflo	155.10	163.30		2.23
-do- Accum	178.50	187.90		2.23
UK Sel Ptflo	134.20	141.30		2.43
-do- Accum	156.00	164.20		2.43
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	69.49	73.93		3.70
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	72.60	77.07	-0.18	4.21
European	86.40	91.72	+0.40	0.98
Income	74.57	79.16†	+0.53	4.89
Nth American	65.82	69.87	-0.08	0.53
Far East	167.50	177.80	+2.80	..
Japan	53.13	56.40	-0.32	
Emrgng Mkts	88.53	94.68	-0.81	..
Intl Growth	109.10	115.80	-0.40	0.91
UK Growth	95.05	100.90	+0.10	1.45
UK Smlr Co	47.59	50.52†		1.04
Asian Opps Fd	37.66	40.28	+0.84	0.32
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	422.45	449.41	+0.04	3.98
Global Inc	69.11	73.52	-0.03	2.81
Brit Leaders	361.62	384.70	+0.31	2.33
Intl Leaders	202.68	215.62	-0.69	0.76
PAM Mg Bal Grth	62.76	65.20	+0.24	0.83
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	205.80	218.40	-1.10	...
(Accum Units)	220.00	233.40	-1.20	.
American Opps	92.71	98.69	-0.08	.
(Accum Units)	93.84	100.10	-0.10	.
British Blue Chip	80.46	85.36	-0.22	2.82
(Accum Units)	99.86	105.90	-0.30	2.82
Cash	100.60	100.60	-0.100	5.28
(Accum Units)	139.60	139.60		5.28
Emerging Mkts	100.70	108.30	-1.20	0.13
(Accum Units)	100.80	108.40	-1.20	0.13
European Growth	262.30	277.60	+0.300	0.16
(Accum Units)	282.80	299.30	+0.400	0.16
European Income	87.43	92.41	+0.280	3.11
(Accum Units)	117.60	124.40	+0.300	3.11
General	507.48	538.50	-1.20	2.30
(Accum Units)	1006	1069	-3.00	2.30
Global Bond	130.80	137.20	+0.300	5.04
(Accum Units)	160.90	169.00	+0.200	5.04
Gold & General	191.80	206.20	-2.10	0.44
(Accum Units)	196.90	211.70	-2.20	0.44
Govt Securities	93.24	96.12	+0.190	5.70
(Accum Units)	181.50	187.10	+0.400	5.70
Income	154.00	163.60†	-0.30	4.33
(Accum Units)	244.70	259.90†	-0.30	4.33
Inc Portfolio	98.31	104.20		5.04
(Accum Units)	100.60	106.80		5.04
Intl Opps	466.10	496.50	-1.80	0.18
(Accum Units)	622.50	663.10	-2.10	0.18
Japan	157.10	166.50	-1.50	
(Accum Units)	167.30	178.90	-1.50	
New Europe	189.60	195.80	-0.10	7.03
(Accum Units)	189.20	201.80	-0.30	7.03
Pacific	115.20	122.90	+0.600	0.83
(Accum Units)	123.40	131.60	+0.600	0.83
Recovery	293.80	313.40†	-0.10	0.83
(Accum Units)	377.80	402.80†	-0.10	0.83
UK Smaller Cos	55.83	59.56	-0.04	0.86
(Accum Units)	63.20	67.41	-0.05	0.86
Portfolio	81.06	86.02	-0.20	2.68
(Accum Units)	96.73	102.70	-0.20	2.68
Managed Gth	100.10	104.60	-0.30	1.82
Managed Inc	106.20	110.20	+0.100	4.06
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	120.90	128.62†	-0.01	0.84
Portfolio	67.73	72.05	-0.13	0.54
UK Income Inc	76.90	81.81	-0.18	4.58
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	60.89	63.76	+0.30	3.12
(Accum Units)	65.12	68.18	+0.33	3.12
British Tst	85.69	89.62	-0.99	1.96
(Accum Units)	100.40	105.10	-1.20	1.96
Extra High Inc	68.71	71.95	...	6.44
(Accum Units)	134.40	140.70		6.44
FT-SE 100 Acc	56.27	58.92	-0.16	2.70
FT-SE 100 Dist	55.40	58.01	-0.15	2.79
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.34	57.59	+0.03	6.83
(Accum Units)	162.30	168.90	+0.10	6.83
High Yield	219.80	230.20†	-0.10	5.73
(Accum Units)	564.80	591.40†	-0.30	5.73
Income	289.30	302.90	-0.50	3.63
(Accum Units)	838.30	868.30	-0.80	3.63
Money Market UT	49.38	49.38†		5.15
(Accum Units)	78.42	78.42†		5.15
Monthly Income	85.66	89.72†	-0.15	5.04
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	104.60	111.50	-0.40	1.76
European Growth	105.30	111.60	-0.50	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	88.67	94.08	+0.04	5.90
Income	86.72	92.28	-0.23	2.77
Japan Growth	50.88	53.72	-0.72	
Managed	70.60	75.11	-0.10	2.34
Money Market	57.98	93.26	-0.01	4.31
North American	89.31	94.87	-0.06	0.47
Midland PSAVES Unit Trust				
British	95.13	101.20	-0.40	1.75
European Growth	99.04	105.00	-0.50	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.49	89.65	+0.04	5.86
Income	85.17	90.61	-0.22	2.83
Japan Growth	50.57	53.61	-0.72	
Managed	67.50	71.81	-0.10	2.31
Money Market	81.34	86.22	+0.01	4.26
North American	81.16	86.03	+0.06	0.57
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	95.03	101.10	-0.30	1.74
European Growth	98.72	103.58	-0.50	
Gilt & Fixed Int	77.08	81.80	+0.04	6.03
Income	83.95	89.31	-0.23	2.86
Japan Growth	51.69	54.79	+0.73	
Managed	70.31	74.80	-0.11	2.32
Money Market	75.55	80.89		4.35
North American	90.38	95.80	-0.06	0.44
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	13.83	13.81		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	350.60	372.43†	-3.90	
European Gth Inc	473.60	506.20	-0.80	0.29
(Accum Units)	478.70	511.70	-0.80	0.29
Intl Gwth	193.40	205.80	-1.20	
UK Equity Inc	187.70	199.60	-0.60	3.62
UK Intl Trdg Inc	163.00	174.10	-0.40	2.86
(Accum Units)	193.40	206.70	-0.40	2.86
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	209.40	220.90	-0.80	1.23
Japan Tracker	75.10	79.52	-0.80	..
Asian Tracker	210.80	227.90	+1.90	0.28
Managed Inc	157.60	167.90†	-0.20	1.38
Deposit Inc	99.91	99.91†	+0.01	5.19
Europa	186.10	199.60	+0.70	
Genesis	158.90	171.80	-0.20	2.12
High Income	21.61	22.92†	-0.02	10.60
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 080 933				
Acadian	98.87	98.94†	-0.07	2.53
Acadian Inc	90.68	92.62†	-0.07	2.53
Acumen Reserve	85.74	87.81†	+0.33	7.90
-do- Inc	73.92	74.06†	+0.28	7.90
American Growth	155.20	160.60	-1.80	..
Cash Income	49.66	49.66†	+0.01	5.82
Equity Income	97.10	99.57	-0.09	4.80
European	73.27	75.81	-0.11	0.48
Smaller Cos	81.63	86.55†	+1.21	1.18
Wwide Eqty	85.50	87.05	+0.02	0.55
Global Bond	44.51	45.00†	-0.01	6.66
UK Growth	96.52	98.85	-0.22	2.12
Pacific Growth	105.88	113.00	+0.40	0.10
Japan Growth	88.90	90.55	-0.84	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	124.64	132.60	-0.27	2.71
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	73.82	78.53	-0.34	2.25
UK Income	108.61	115.54†	-0.40	3.83
Higher Income	213.98	227.64	-0.48	4.48
Smaller Cos	84.26	89.64	+2.31	1.97
International	96.43	102.58†	-0.43	1.84
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
American Dist	103.50	110.10	-0.50	0.68
European Dist	116.80	124.30†	-1.80	...
Far East Dist	188.60	192.10	-8.30	..
Global Care Dist	71.52	76.09	-0.37	1.07
Oseas Dist	£10.13	£10.78	-8.60	0.15
(Accum Units)	£13.15	£13.89	-11.30	0.15
UK Dist	350.50	372.90†	-0.80	2.64
(Accum Units)	695.30	739.70	-1.70	2.64
UK Extra Inc Dist	78.03	83.01	-0.11	4.16
Wwide Dist	106.10	112.90†	-0.60	0.37
Wwide Inc Dist	72.42	77.04†	-0.19	2.68
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 388				
Europe Inc	66.37	70.05	-0.11	0.46
Fund of Funds Inc	59.29	62.58	-0.05	0.83
North America Inc	50.36	53.15†	-0.37	0.49
UK Equity Gth Inc	58.53	61.77†	-0.16	2.02
(Accum Units)	61.49	64.90	-0.17	2.02
UK General Inc	58.08	61.30	-0.12	2.45
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	47.59	50.12	+0.09	7.00
UK Income Inc	57.78	60.98†	-0.11	3.82
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Bond	121.73	129.12	-0.06	6.47
Bridge Fund	85.07	90.51		2.23
Distribution	94.10	100.11	-0.22	3.13
Foundation	94.81	100.64	-0.15	2.52
General	184.54	196.32	-0.49	1.87
Global	316.86	337.09	-1.44	0.43
Growth	123.20	131.07†	-0.14	2.57
Higher Income Inc	27.61	29.37	-0.12	.
Income	229.39	244.04†	-0.53	3.41
Intrepid	118.12	123.05†		2.45
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	36.82	39.16	+0.02	0.27
Cash Income	50.12	50.12†	+0.01	5.50
European Gwth	41.66	44.44	-0.10	0.20
Intl Gwth	30.00	32.08†	-0.05	0.43
Japan Gwth	24.99	26.72	-0.30	
Managed Tst Inc	48.17	51.51	-0.15	2.25
Oriental Opps Inc	145.50	155.80	+0.70	0.23
Property Shares	33.75	36.09	+0.15	0.84
Smaller Cos	32.29	34.53	+0.13	1.27
UK Growth Tst	25.87	27.66†	-0.06	2.71
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	72.23	77.25	-0.25	1.78
Cap Hse UK Inc	68.27	73.01	-0.21	2.81
Exempt (E)	29.84	30.70		1.76
Gearad	51.84	55.31	-0.32	..
High Income	73.83	78.96	-0.21	4.76
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70		1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90		1.07
Monthly Income	78.07	83.49		4.24
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555				
Managed	99.04	104.80	+0.30	2.10
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	124.04	130.57	-0.33	1.60
UK Equity	141.46	148.91†	-0.42	3.00
UK Equity Income	134.03	141.08†	-0.41	3.23
UK Smaller Cos	120.39	126.73	+0.06	1.54
UK Equity Growth	133.01	140.01	-0.29	2.26
UK Index Trckg	143.98	151.56	-0.43	3.60
Intl Index Trckg	147.38	155.14	-0.94	1.15
International	238.60	251.16†	-1.01	0.51
European	207.29	218.20	-0.16	0.76
Pan European	138.04	145.31†	-0.41	1.41
Nth American	178.57	187.97†	-0.94	0.15
N Amer Smlr Cos	192.88	203.03	-0.40	..
Japanese	87.02	91.60	-1.36	
Pacific	230.49	242.62	-0.36	0.39
South East Asian	258.52	272.13	+2.02	0.49
Intl Bond	140.66	148.27	+0.08	3.80
Gilt & Convertible	106.99	112.62	-0.03	6.14
Property	80.21	84.43	+0.04	6.26
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	260.10	279.40†	-0.70	0.52
(Accum Units)	275.20	295.70	-0.70	0.52
Japan Inc	104.70	111.70	-1.60	
Nth American Inc	110.50	118.50	-0.70	0.38
Worldwide Inc	157.60	169.50	-0.30	0.91
Hong Kong Inc	141.50	151.90	+2.20	1.84
Swiss Equities Inc	75.03	80.16†	-0.34	
Wwide Bond Inc	83.71	87.40	-0.06	5.53
Emrging Asia Inc	219.00	236.00	+2.00	0.73
(Accum Units)	219.80	236.80	+2.00	0.73
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.19	50.19†		6.22
Thailand Inc	180.00	193.60	+4.70	1.54
Gold Trust Inc	69.09	74.70	-1.14	0.85
New Zealand Inc	92.38	99.24	-0.39	1.77
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	63.11	67.83	-0.11	1.34
Latin Am Cmp Inc	56.25	60.60	-1.39	
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	59.28	63.71	-0.14	3.02
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	75.88	81.16	+0.05	
Global Portfolio	67.57	72.06	+0.10	
Global Opps	64.52	69.00	+0.10	..
Marsh Global Grth	63.44	67.27	-0.16	...
AAM Global Equity	54.99	58.28	-0.07	..
CAM Bal Gwth Inc	82.41	88.47†	-0.38	...
Temple Equity Inc	45.11	48.17	-0.09	2.68
Hardey Growth	78.53	81.12	+0.08	0.28
Intl Growth Inc	83.60	89.41	+0.45	0.28
IPS Portfolio Inc	91.31	96.96	+0.08	..
St Jas Mn Inc Inc	47.12	48.93	-0.09	
Premier Perfmc Inc	66.81	71.24	-0.07	1.60
Roxburgh Strat Gth	71.88	78.58	+0.12	0.06
Tech Analysis	102.90	109.00	-0.10	
Rosebery Growth	44.40	47.98	-0.02	0.75
International Strat	78.39	83.84	+0.21	.
UFC Ind-Act Gth	54.18	58.41	+0.09	
Coverdale Topsail	49.31	53.30	+0.09	.
Prara Equity Inc	108.60	115.50	-0.20	1.85
Lowes Intl Growth	46.60	49.05	+0.12	1.40
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 828 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	248.10	263.90	-0.52	2.82
(Accum Units)	523.80	557.18	-1.10	2.82
Growth	157.70	168.00†	-0.10	2.81
Income	241.70	257.10†	-0.50	3.85
Intl Equity	255.80	271.90	-0.80	1.24
(Accum Units)	282.50	300.50	-1.00	1.24
UK Income	67.38	71.68	-0.16	3.40
UK Intl 25	81.68	86.89	-0.16	2.38
New Europe	82.44	87.69	+0.03	1.05
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	590.65	631.72	+0.60	0.51
(Accum Units)	591.27	632.38	+0.61	0.51
Income	371.50	397.33†	+0.92	3.25
Wwide Recovery	385.24	412.02	+0.63	0.66
Amer Growth Inc	224.54	240.15	+1.56	0.01
(Accum Units)	224.54	240.15	+1.56	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	239.29	255.93	+0.04	0.09
Far East Gth Inc	270.05	288.83	+1.15	0.39
(Accum Units)	270.05	288.83	+1.15	0.39
Euro Gwth Inc	149.15	159.53	-0.73	0.79
(Accum Units)	149.53	159.93	-0.74	0.79
UK Growth Inc	93.84	100.18	+0.22	2.73
(Accum Units)	98.52	105.27	+0.23	2.73
High Income	99.61	106.54	+0.19	3.80
Jap Gwth Inc	206.54	220.09	-4.82	0.01
(Accum Units)	206.54	220.09	-4.82	0.01
PEP Growth	119.47	127.78	+0.02	1.09
Asian Sr Mkts Inc	128.28	135.06	+2.60	0.01
(Accum Units)	128.28	135.06	+2.60	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	131.71	140.87	+0.73	0.01
(Accum Units)	131.71	140.87	+0.73	0.01
Global Bond	56.21	59.21	+0.19	5.56
UK Smaller Cos Inc	83.91	89.75	+0.09	1.58
(Accum Units)	87.17	93.23	+0.09	1.58
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 201 3927				
American	100.05	106.45†	-0.16	...
European	73.91	78.63	+0.24	...
Global	61.56	65.49	+0.27	...
Pacific	55.62	59.17†	+0.15	...
UK Inc & Gth	66.04	70.26	+0.01	1.89
PONTON YORK UT MGRS 0116 2850 540				
BR Director Opps	94.74	100.90	-0.15	.
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	161.70	171.20	+0.30	0.70
Emerg Mkts	45.72	48.38	+0.13	.
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	63.00	66.77	-0.05	2.49
Growth Income	65.03	68.93	-0.07	2.20
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	138.68	147.54	+0.25	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3760 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	95.13	101.20	+0.40	3.46
Conv & Gilt	112.80	120.08†	+0.20	6.30
European Income	76.68	81.58†	+0.21	2.78
Extra Income	158.10	168.00	+1.50	3.61
(Accum Units)	191.10	203.30	+1.80	3.61
Far East	385.20	409.80	+3.00	0.06
(Accum Units)	392.50	417.50	+3.00	0.06
Global Income	26.25	27.93	+0.23	4.31
High Income	118.80	125.50†	+0.70	3.40
(Accum Units)	143.20	152.38		3.40
International	198.50	209.20	-1.40	0.88
(Accum Units)	202.80	215.60	-1.40	0.88
Pref & Fxd Int	43.79	46.58†	-0.08	7.63
Recovery	74.13	78.86†	-0.02	2.64
Special Sits	115.40	122.??	-2.50	1.36
(Accum Units)	124.86	132.??	+2.70	1.36
Technology	433.80	461.60	-11.00	
UK Blue Chip	71.78	76.36	-0.17	2.41
(Accum Units)	80.27	85.39	-0.19	2.41
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3983				
Equity Gth	183.72	195.43	+0.70	1.75
European Gth	102.40	108.30	+0.22	0.45
Income & Gth	138.20	147.00	+0.10	3.40
Japan Gth	106.70	113.50	-0.80	
Nth Amer Gth	135.20	143.80	-1.40	0.18
Overseas Gth	93.88	99.87	-0.13	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	38.44	39.83	-0.05	1.85
Cash Haven Inc	131.05	131.55†	+0.01	5.16
Cash Haven Acc	112.63	113.13†	+0.02	5.16
Dist Trust Inc	98.51	102.08†	-0.03	6.55
Dist Trust Acc	103.26	107.00†	-0.03	6.55
Global Growth	90.93	96.72	-0.28	0.70
Equity Inc	82.95	88.24†	-0.06	3.48
Equity	739.91	787.13†	-1.27	2.30
European	226.92	235.15†	-0.81	0.90
High Income	89.70	95.42	-0.01	5.89
Intl Gwth	193.52	201.53	-0.38	0.88
Intl Smr Co	79.15	84.20	-0.22	3.46
Japanese	203.94	211.33	-2.00	
Nth Amer	175.19	181.54†	-0.78	1.46
Pacific Mkts	106.66	110.52	-0.49	0.66
Premier Inc	48.43	50.48†	-0.12	8.65
Sm Cos	90.76	96.55†	+3.16	1.56
Spec Sits	111.93	119.07	-0.19	2.38
UK Growth	125.44	133.44	-0.21	2.27
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	303.60	322.30	-0.80	3.14
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	527.77	561.36	-3.72	0.76
FA America (Acc)	617.02	656.29	-4.35	0.76
FA UK Equity Inc	163.49	173.87†	-0.29	3.55
FA Japan	247.58	262.50	-3.34	
FA Major UK Cos	98.39	104.63	-0.28	7.40
FA Smllr UK Cos	295.96	321.55	+0.15	1.05
FA European	334.64	355.22	+0.22	0.49
FA Amer Smllr Cos	46.46	49.81	-0.43	0.78
FA Asia	50.82	54.52	+0.41	8.13
FA Jpn Smllr Cos	39.84	42.64	-0.59	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	100.11	105.97	-0.27	
UK Smllr Cos	85.50	89.99	-0.04	
UK Income	99.29	104.51	-0.18	
America	108.08	111.65	-0.74	...
Japanese	54.33	57.18	-0.73	
European	107.46	113.11	-0.07	
Gilt	91.59	96.40	-0.21	
Deposit	84.77	89.23	+0.01	
Managed	101.69	107.04	-0.16	
RAM PSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	97.43	102.55	-0.27	
UK Smaller Cos	83.45	87.83	+0.03	
UK Income	96.83	101.92	-0.17	..
America	103.19	108.61	-0.72	
Japanese	52.86	55.64	-0.70	
European	104.64	110.14	+0.06	
Gilt	90.28	95.03	+0.24	
Deposit	88.82	89.87	+0.02	
Managed	94.28	99.23	-0.21	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	82.96	88.57	-0.53	0.21
Pacific Basin	74.27	79.79	+0.92	.
High Inc Dist	136.40	145.90	-0.30	4.47
Ryl Life Int Cbry	59.06	62.78	+0.12	3.84
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	67.39	71.96	-0.15	0.027
Ryl Life Intl Spec	63.08	67.08	-0.04	
UK Emerging Cos	127.29	137.58†	-0.40	1.12
UK Index Trckg	167.28	178.10†	+1.30	3.22
European	136.80	146.70	-0.60	0.26
Managed	150.10	167.30	...	0.74
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	145.80	154.29		0.43
European Growth	119.30	125.60		1.01
Far East Growth	135.30	144.00		0.43
Japan Growth	132.60	140.20†		
Special Sits	200.10	212.80		1.32
UK Growth	73.68	84.78		2.36
Trust General	242.90	258.30†		3.94
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	162.40	171.90	-0.30	0.61
Gt Euro Prog Inc	337.30	358.90	-0.60	0.36
(Accum Units)	524.30	554.80	-0.90	0.36
Growth Inc	130.10	137.70	..	0.64
(Accum Units)	132.60	140.30		0.64
International Inc	333.80	353.00	+0.10	0.49
(Accum Units)	457.50	484.10	+0.10	0.49
Nth Am & Intl Inc	314.90	333.20	-0.70	0.41
UK Gen Prog Inc	227.80	241.10	+0.40	1.24
UK High Inc Inc	134.80	142.60	-0.40	3.74
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	65.83	70.02	-0.56	
Asian Gwth	113.65	120.90	+1.18	0.75
European Gwth	73.76	78.34	+0.42	1.00
Global Bd	60.18	63.62	+0.02	5.00
Global Eq	57.79	61.47	-0.75	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	55.68	59.14	-0.64	
UK Gwth	62.87	66.88	-0.14	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	70.88	75.40†	-0.36	3.49
Amer Smllr Cos	118.60	126.20	-1.0	
Asian Smaller Cos	41.24	43.96	-0.09	
Capital Portfolio	128.50	138.70†	+0.40	2.47
Cash	127.70	127.70	+0.10	5.64
China Dragon	78.24	83.02†	+0.65	1.19
Commodity	121.30	129.00	-1.40	0.46
Eastern Discovery	89.90	95.64†	-0.11	
Emerging Mkts	38.55	41.02	-0.29	0.47
Energy Inds	129.00	137.20	-0.90	0.65
European Gwth	193.80	206.20	-0.20	0.88
Euro Inc & Gwth	79.90	85.00	-0.70	2.23
Euro Smllr Cos	55.42	58.96	-0.18	
Extra Income	52.67	54.84†	+0.04	5.72
Financial Secs	212.40	226.00	-0.60	1.78
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	49.05	51.77	-0.17	8.57
Gold & Exploration	75.50	80.32	-1.19	
High Return	231.40	246.20	+0.30	4.11
High Yield	231.60	246.40	-0.40	3.65
Income	121.90	129.70	-0.10	4.25
Intl Bond	171.60	181.40	+0.20	5.18
ITU	208.50	221.80	-0.20	1.23
Japan Growth	156.40	166.40	-2.0	
Japan Smaller	153.20	163.00†	-2.90	
Korea	58.18	61.89	-0.24	
Malaysia	55.28	58.81	-0.18	1.37
Masterfund	321.70	342.20	-1.20	1.23
Scotbits	300.20	319.40†	+0.80	2.19
Scotshares	248.80	262.50	-0.30	3.33
Select Intl	136.50	145.20	-0.70	0.20
Smaller Cos Inc	247.60	263.80	-0.20	3.64
SE Asia	53.59	57.01†	+0.20	
Special Situation	130.40	138.70	+0.19	0.86
UK Equity	253.30	269.50	+0.40	2.78
UK Growth	68.21	70.44†	+0.01	1.87
UK & O'seas	169.30	180.10	+0.10	1.35
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	48.49	51.58	-0.02	1.62
US Growth	151.90	161.60	-0.70	0.43
Univ Growth	135.50	144.10	-0.70	0.99
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	262.86	279.02†	+2.80	1.10
(Accum Units)	287.34	305.00†	+2.84	1.10
Euro Gwth	77.74	82.59†	-0.84	1.04
Euro Smllr Cos	81.29	86.70	-0.86	0.57
Far Eastern Gth	95.23	101.57	+0.26	..
(Accum Units)	96.95	103.40	+0.36	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	52.32	55.17	+0.08	7.57
Global Bond	52.17	53.91	-0.08	6.79
(Accum Units)	57.23	59.14	-0.09	6.79
Global Emer Mkts	53.47	57.03	+0.18	.
(Accum Units)	53.47	57.03	+0.18	
Income	360.33	384.35	-0.27	5.04
(Accum Units)	£11.45	£12.21	-0.86	5.04
Japan Smllr Cos	435.43	464.45	-11.01	..
(Accum Units)	436.30	465.38	-11.03	
Japan Enterprise	63.28	67.49	-2.40	
Pacific Gwth	137.85	147.01	+1.71	0.32
(Accum Units)	142.28	151.75	+1.76	0.32
Portfolio	82.97	88.50	-0.29	2.17
(Accum Units)	90.10	96.09	-0.32	2.17
Seoul	45.10	48.49†	+0.22	.
(Accum Units)	45.10	48.49†	+0.22	..
Smaller Cos	218.95	233.54	+0.03	1.50
Tokyo	118.57	126.47	-3.79	
(Accum Units)	119.77	127.75	-3.82	
UK Enterprise	266.94	284.73	-0.10	2.16
(Accum Units)	320.23	341.57	-0.12	2.16
UK Equity	256.05	265.72	-0.53	2.80
(Accum Units)	485.89	518.29	-1.02	2.80
US Smllr Cos	167.59	178.78†	+0.77	.
(Accum Units)	46.88	50.71†	+0.19	0.77
Institutional Funds				
European	249.65	259.46	+0.21	1.43
(Accum Units)	277.98	288.90	+0.24	1.43
Euro Smllr Cos	30.24	31.49†	-0.01	1.71
(Accum Units)	32.13	33.46†	-0.02	1.71
Global Equity Inc	79.32	82.62†	-0.23	1.02
Japan Smllr Cos	36.22	37.72	-0.29	0.33
(Accum Units)	36.50	38.02	-0.29	0.33
Mngd Balanced	192.95	200.99†	-0.18	2.89
(Accum Units)	220.19	229.36†	-0.20	2.89
Overseas Equity	194.00	202.08	-0.03	1.06
(Accum Units)	200.87	209.24	-0.03	1.06
Oseas Smllr Cos	124.47	129.65	-0.35	0.81
(Accum Units)	130.18	135.60	-0.37	0.81
Pacific	257.37	268.09†	+1.50	1.24
(Accum Units)	281.56	293.28†	+1.63	1.24
Recovery	£19.10	£19.90	-0.88	2.93
(Accum Units)	£20.20	£21.04	-0.93	2.93
UK Index	157.48	164.04†	-0.25	3.54
(Accum Units)	194.41	202.50†	-0.31	3.54
UK Small Cos	116.30	121.14	+0.03	2.80
(Accum Units)	124.70	129.89	+0.02	2.80
US Smllr Cos	47.80	49.79†	+0.19	0.77
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2280				
Equity Income	51.49	54.84	+0.12	3.76
Equity Trust	63.32	67.44	+0.10	3.12
Equity Strategy	74.59	79.44	+0.08	1.41
European Opps	95.79	98.69	+0.07	1.14
UK Smaller Cos	64.79	69.00	+0.04	1.10
Maximum Inc	95.36	101.94	+0.02	6.19
Japanese	71.54	76.19	-1.11	..
Asia Pacific	120.83	128.68	-0.06	1.20
American	106.60	113.53	-0.31	0.60
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	31.37	31.37	...	5.665
UK General Inc	53.88	57.45	-0.16	2.84
(Accum Units)	69.19	73.77	-0.20	2.84
Intl Income	269.50	288.50†	-0.80	1.01
(Accum Units)	465.48	494.70†	-1.30	1.01
European	85.63	90.71	+0.49	1.47
Japan	67.59	71.67	-0.66	0.06
American	70.53	74.64†	-0.26	1.92
Far East	84.79	89.34	-0.42	0.78
Ethical Inc	30.88	33.14		2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	34.85	37.31	-0.14	2.96
High Inc Inc	36.24	38.66†	-0.07	3.44
UK Global Inc	40.82	43.50	-0.18	1.57
Wwide Tact	71.16	75.69†	-0.36	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	56.11	59.68	-0.11	1.51
Technology	114.93	122.33†	-1.83	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	397.50	424.00	-1.10	2.88
American	270.40	287.00	-1.60	0.54
Pacific	382.80	409.50	-1.10	0.61
European	581.30	621.70	-1.40	1.35
Worldwide	89.31	95.52	-0.18	0.69
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	274.80	292.40	-1.80	1.79
(Accum Units)	346.90	369.10	-1.00	1.79
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	206.10	219.30	+0.30	2.04
(Accum Units)	247.10	262.90	+0.30	2.04
Select Opptny Inc	99.25	74.07	-0.29	2.02
Income Plus Inc	72.61	77.25	-0.40	4.10
European Inc	350.90	384.00	-0.80	1.18
(Accum Units)	407.70	433.80	-0.80	1.18
Far Eastern Inc	177.20	188.60†	+1.20	0.88
(Accum Units)	202.70	215.70†	+1.20	0.88
Japanese Inc	57.98	61.67	-0.85	
Nth American Inc	239.00	254.30†	-1.70	0.66
(Accum Units)	263.80	280.70†	-1.70	0.66
Intl Growth Inc	281.86	[illegible]	-1.00	[illegible]
Wwide Venture Inc	61.47	[illegible]	-0.26	[illegible]
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	378.90	398.36	+0.48	2.79
(Accum Units)	498.80	527.30	[illegible]	2.79
UK High Inc	185.40	197.38	+0.30	3.87
(Accum Units)	272.10	289.26	+0.48	3.87
Europe Inc	386.90	414.86	+0.49	0.49
Intl Actg Inc	279.20	293.88	-2.00	
Global Inc	294.90	[illegible]	-1.40	[illegible]
Global Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.50	[illegible]
UK Spec Sits Inc	182.76	[illegible]	-0.38	[illegible]
South East Asia	223.90	238.80	-1.38	0.87
Capital Trust Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
UK Smllr Cos Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Intl Bond Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3.20	[illegible]
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	145.50	152.80	-3.15	4.37
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	132.06	139.90	-2.38	0.84
Nth American	76.95	[illegible]	-0.60	0.49
Intl Bond & Conv	32.56	30.80		[illegible]
Pooled Pension FE	191.69	206.66	-2.49	2.62
Smaller Cos	78.36	82.42	+6.09	[illegible]
UK General	132.36	139.30	-3.40	[illegible]
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6225				
Acad Gth Fonds	134.30		[illegible]	
Adact	68.26		[illegible]	
Eurotrack	135.30		[illegible]	
Global Bond	98.43		-0.10	[illegible]
Investment Trusts				
Preferred Incomes				
Sarasoci	47.14		-0.36	
Sterling Reserved				
UK Growth	69.31		[illegible]	[illegible]
Tar Port	100.36		[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Emerg Leaders	[illegible]		-0.16	[illegible]
UK Equity Inct				
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	313.36	332.20	-1.36	
Canadian	67.32	71.23	+0.38	[illegible]
Capital	123.80	132.75	+0.36	[illegible]
Cash	126.56	126.56	+3.84	[illegible]
European	138.85	146.88	+0.40	[illegible]
Far Eastern	151.20	158.50	-0.18	
Growth	136.23	144.10	+0.15	[illegible]
Income	127.48	134.76	+0.28	[illegible]
Magnum	132.77	142.30	-2.30	[illegible]
Smith Secs	382.20	464.50	+1.80	[illegible]
Thoroughbred	153.40	164.50	+3.30	[illegible]
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Cash	49.77	50.22†		[illegible]
Cornd Princoe	35.57	39.47	-0.11	[illegible]
Ethical	57.35	61.57	+2.36	[illegible]
European Growth	78.75	83.75	-2.30	[illegible]
Income	54.35	58.44†	-0.89	[illegible]
Intl Growth	100.50	107.92†	-3.50	[illegible]
Managed	84.62	97.21	-0.36	[illegible]
UK Growth	63.13	67.86	-3.81	[illegible]
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	40.34	42.95		[illegible]
Global Advtg Acc	43.23	43.45		[illegible]
Income Advtg Inc	32.07	32.24†		[illegible]
Income Advtg Acc	33.55	36.73		[illegible]
UK Equity Gth Acc	68.52	72.64	-0.38	[illegible]
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	52.62	55.91		[illegible]
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	37.50	39.85	-0.13	[illegible]
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	47.50	49.94	-0.10	[illegible]
UK Equity Gen Acc	64.12	68.13	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Gen Inc	46.90	49.86	-0.16	[illegible]
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.39	32.98		[illegible]
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	332.90	380.48	-0.38	[illegible]
Nth American Acc	46.31	48.68	-0.42	[illegible]
Far East Acc	69.75	74.11	+0.48	[illegible]
European Acc	54.32	58.36	[illegible]	[illegible]
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (US$)	[illegible]	4.246	-0.032	[illegible]
US Eqts (US$)	2.674	2.832	-0.021	[illegible]
Far East Eqts (yen)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-5.18	
Japan Equs (yen)	[illegible]	189.13	-4.38	
FT Europe	132.90	141.98	+0.08	[illegible]
FT N Amer (US$)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.016	[illegible]
FT Japan (yen)	189.56	201.60	-4.28	
FT Asia Ex Jpn (US$)	2.636	2.788	+0.008	[illegible]
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	374.60	398.60	-2.98	
British	[illegible]	570.96	+0.38	[illegible]
Emerging Mkts	137.10	145.90†	-1.20	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	590.38	-0.49	[illegible]
Japan	138.50	146.30	-1.98	
New Pacific	385.20	[illegible]	-1.30	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.38	[illegible]
Inv Trust Acc	261.60	277.40	-0.70	[illegible]
Mngd Equity	177.60	188.10	-0.20	[illegible]
Mngd Cash	36.30	36.30	-0.01	[illegible]
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Equity	849.10	908.10	-2.10	[illegible]
North America	138.30	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East	149.40	159.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wwide Bond	59.17	62.91†	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	138.30	[illegible]	-1.18	[illegible]
Equity Income	92.75	99.21	-0.18	[illegible]
Portfolio	88.25	94.39†	-0.17	[illegible]
UK Leading Cos	82.61	87.30	-0.25	3.44
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	66.58	71.21		—
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
Antares UT	22.55	23.99†		0.87
European	38.98	41.47†	-0.12	[illegible]
High Income	33.82	35.98†	-0.07	[illegible]
Japan	34.98	37.22	-0.66	
Managed Assets	130.41	139.42	-0.21	2.71
North American	33.14	35.26	-0.19	[illegible]
Smlr Co's Inc	30.90	32.88†	+0.06	2.60
Smlr Co's Acc	32.13	34.25†	-0.07	2.60
UK Growth Inc	59.48	63.28	-0.19	3.30
UK Growth Acc	64.40	68.52	-0.27	3.30
UK Income	42.63	44.96	-0.16	3.12
Worldwide Gth	35.85	38.25	-0.13	1.15
Confederation				
Canadian Exmpt	58.52	61.57†	-3.24	1.39
European Exmpt	85.20	87.64†	+0.31	1.78
Pacific Exmpt	80.93	82.82†	-0.46	0.90
US Exmpt	75.15	77.43	-0.27	1.98
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	49.27	52.41	+0.07	
Cap Protector Inc	42.84	45.62†	+0.08	2.87
UK Income Inc	53.00	56.58	+0.46	3.45
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	33.20	35.51†	+0.10	5.30
Mngd High Yld Inc	80.65	86.26†	+0.05	4.25
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	76.58	81.98†	+0.30	3.74
UK Smaller Cos	35.89	38.39	+0.03	2.01
Pacific Grth Port	48.90	52.30	+0.59	0.58
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 346 794				
American	213.93	226.38	-1.67	.
(Accum Units)	235.64	249.35	-2.06	
Brit Growth	100.48	106.31	-0.29	2.16
(Accum Units)	121.86	128.98	-0.36	2.16
European	108.44	114.75	+0.61	0.54
(Accum Units)	115.32	122.03	+0.65	0.54
Extra Income	199.27	210.87	+1.35	4.16
(Accum Units)	343.17	363.15	+2.32	4.16
Smaller Cos	75.98	80.40	+1.03	1.36
(Accum Units)	85.68	90.67	+1.16	1.36
General	297.60	314.92	+1.25	2.43
(Accum Units)	816.02	851.87	-2.59	2.43
Premier Income	50.81	52.72†	+0.79	6.17
(Accum Units)	117.07	121.94†	+1.82	6.17
Income	340.77	360.60†	-1.16	3.73
(Accum Units)	780.84	804.91†	-2.58	3.73
Pacific	414.44	438.57	+2.91	
(Accum Units)	435.48	460.82	+3.05	
International	542.59	574.17†	-0.81	0.33
(Accum Units)	713.94	755.49†	-1.06	0.33
Nat Resources	153.07	161.98	+0.46	..
Stdal Opps	110.92	117.37	+0.30	1.67
(Accum Units)	142.00	150.27	+0.39	1.67
Environmental Inv	64.98	68.76	+0.46	1.76
Selector	64.74	68.51†	+0.37	1.93
(Accum Units)	73.66	77.95†	+0.42	1.93
High Income	66.79	70.68	+0.32	4.82
(Accum Units)	85.09	90.04	+0.41	4.82
Intl Income	80.10	83.60	+0.05	4.81
(Accum Units)	75.45	79.84	+0.07	4.81
Selector Income	62.38	66.02†	+0.28	4.65
(Accum Units)	74.70	79.05†	+0.30	4.65
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 0181 667 1018				
British	338.50	358.30	-0.70	2.95
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	207.90	222.38	-0.35	2.08
Glob Balncd Inc	175.75	187.98	-0.35	3.60
Value Tst Inc	125.79	134.54†	+0.30	1.93
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	42.66	44.39	-0.01	7.20
European Growth	285.56	298.01	-1.08	0.40
Exempt	541.73	565.29†	-1.17	2.90
Global Em Mkts	61.30	65.13†	-0.85	0.40
Japan Tst	73.69	77.37†	-1.33	
Little Dragons	93.03	97.41†	+0.69	
Nth Amer Gwth	233.84	244.02	-1.47	0.60
Oriental Income	45.17	47.29	-0.17	2.30
Preference	125.68	131.60†		8.90
Tiger	285.98	299.45†	+1.14	..
(Accum Units)	300.44	314.59†	+1.19	..
UK Blue Chip	64.39	67.39	-0.26	2.08
UK Growth	519.48	543.55†	-0.81	2.39
UK High Yield	105.55	110.52†	-0.28	4.50
(Accum Units)	346.12	362.42†	-0.98	4.50
UK Mid-Cap	256.81	268.91†	+0.21	2.30
UK Smlr Cos	100.38	105.10	+0.38	1.10
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UK Equity Income	101.48	107.96	-0.21	3.29
UK Equity Growth	89.73	95.48	-0.22	2.64
European	73.91	78.63	-0.03	1.35
Nth American	74.40	79.15	+0.05	1.80
Far Eastern	68.02	72.36	-1.46	1.82
Money	67.98	67.98	+0.01	4.78
Fixed Interest	74.12	78.85	+0.18	6.61
Index Linked Gilt	69.21	73.63	-0.04	1.30
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Australasian Gold	23.11	24.32	-0.27	
Pacific Basin	43.24	45.51	-0.18	
Global Bond (US$)	9.82	[illegible]	+0.08	
Penny Share	38.44	40.46	-0.34	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 623 2444				
Challenger	98.93	101.30	+0.40	
Short Dtd GD	115.80	119.80	+0.20	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.74	0.75	+0.00	[illegible]
Gilt Income	57.48	57.59	+0.32	7.50
Gilt Growth	0.74	0.77	+0.00	
City Reserve	52.82	52.83	+0.01	[illegible]
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
Intl Mngd	51.33	54.44	+0.08	[illegible]
UK Stockmaster	82.24	87.65	-0.28	[illegible]

Source: Finstat

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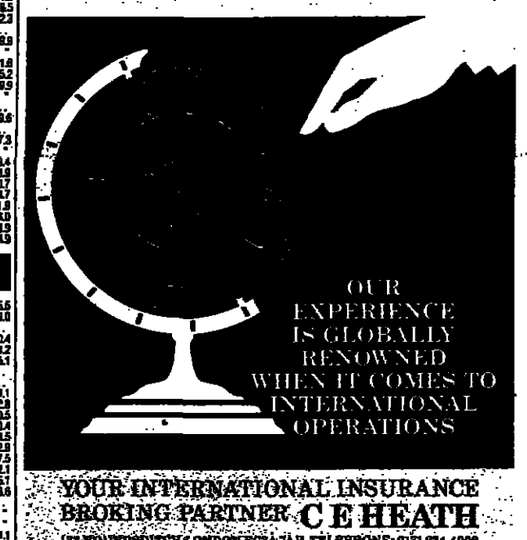
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MANAGEMENT BUYOUTS

The task list for success

David Young finds out what company life is like after the head office lifeline has been severed

The audience at the recent conference on Management Buy-outs at the Institute of Directors in London could be forgiven if they spent their homeward journey singing: "Who wants to be a millionaire — I do." Enthusiasm for MBOs has seldom been higher, and the willingness of the financial sector to back a sound idea never more apparent.

Companies such as Charterhouse Development Capital, Electra and Gresham Trust have the funds to back well thought-out schemes and, probably more importantly, an imaginative approach that can lead to financial packages being assembled which more traditional sources of finance are unable or unwilling to provide.

That does not mean every MBO plan will be greeted with open arms. Charterhouse Development Capital, which has played a lead role in many successful MBOs in recent years, turned down an invitation to become involved in a $550 million (£343 million) buyout proposal for BP's nutrition business, although leading the successful buyout of British Bus.

Charterhouse, under director Jeremy Greenhalgh, has also tackled one of the more complex buyouts in recent years when it provided funding and advice to the Celtic Energy team which paid British Coal £120 million for its assets in South Wales. The deal had more of the characteristics of a business start-up than an MBO, as British Coal was selling a unit which had no sales and marketing department and no financial accounting and reporting system.

Mr Greenhalgh and his colleagues had to negotiate contracts for the sale of coal, locate a chairman as well as a managing director and group business development director. These tasks were on top of normal sale and purchase negotiations and commercial and financial due diligence.

It is clear that the financial package is only one element of the MBO process. As Trevor Jones, managing director of Gresham Trust, explains, many managers find that life after an MBO is far harsher than they thought it ever would be: "It is therefore a prerequisite that the team have the necessary characteristics to survive in this new world." What they need, he says are grit, persistence, determination, steel and courage.

> MBOs need the following: grit, courage, persistence, determination, and steel

"The fact is that an MBO company is completely and utterly independent and self-sufficient. The management are its primary owners — there is no one else to turn to when the going gets tough. There are no lifelines like a head office. Head offices, as the primary owners, would be mad to deny a lifeline to their asset — they have a vested interest in their subsidiaries' survival. But in an MBO it is very different: only the management are in that prime ownership position."

Management grit, however, is not enough, according to Mr Jones: "A buyout will not succeed without a thoroughly competent chief executive officer to run the independent business at a profit. It is therefore highly desirable to have an MD with a successful, demonstrable track record as a CEO. You can undertake an MBO with an MD who has never held the post before, but the risk is obvious — financiers may even be persuaded to take on this risk, but common sense would say if you can avoid the risk do so."

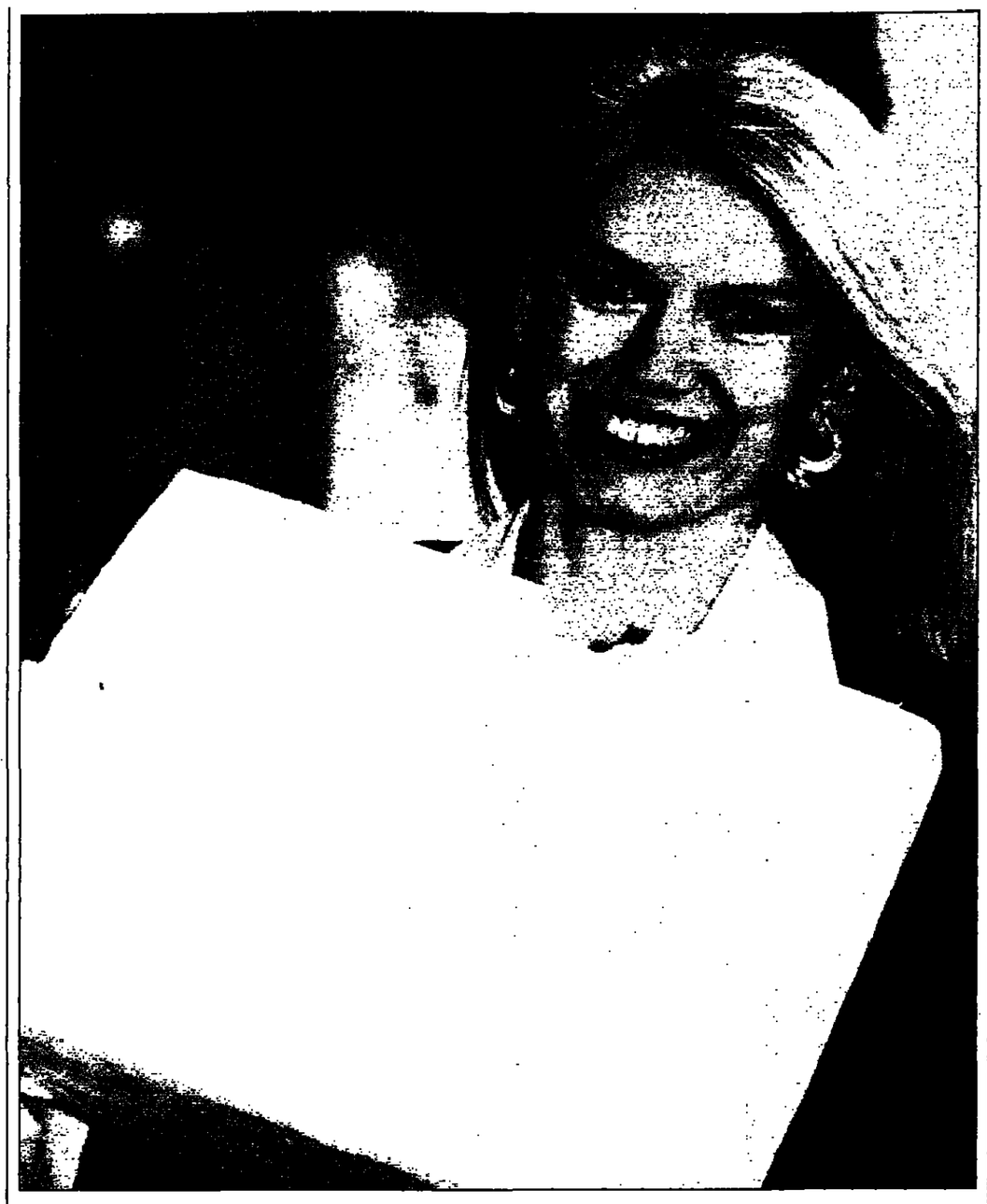
A high-quality finance director is also essential for a successful MBO, says Mr Jones and he warns that they are not for the faint-hearted: "If you have any doubts, you should probably listen to them."

The next ingredient of a successful MBO is the vendor, he adds: "It is my consistent experience over 15 years that a willing vendor is almost an essential. As in any commercial bargain, it is extremely difficult, indeed well-nigh impossible, to make the other party contract with you if he does not want to.

"Research reveals that some 75 per cent of MBOs are initiated by vendors who have decided to sell. In my experience, the buy-outs that go, in relative terms, the most smoothly, involve not just a willing vendor but what I term a benevolent one, who, subject to realising the right price, wants to see the ownership and future of his business vested in his managers."

The other necessary element for a successful MBO, says Mr Jones, are a real business, a viable price, a financial package, and good advisors.

"My final advice is, one: do not embark on an MBO unless you are 100 per cent certain that you and your management team colleagues all possess the right characteristics to do the deal and live with it. Two: do not attempt an MBO without competent professional advisers, all of whom have unequivocally demonstrated to you that they have done this before with skill and success for their clients."



BRITAIN'S newest cheese, Churnton — being bitten into here by TV personality Anneka Rice — has come on the market due to the efforts of a management buyout team who have created The Cheese Company after a £96 million acquisition from Grand Metropolitan. *David Young writes.* The team, led by managing director Roger Davenport, his deputy Bob Trott, and Maria Dooley, group marketing manager, took over the former Express Foods division from Grand Metropolitan and are now spending £3 million on a marketing campaign for the new cheese. We spend £1.5 billion each year on cheese in Britain and The Cheese Company, backed by many of the big names in the MBO financing sector, is confident that its new product will take a large wedge of the market. The new hard cheese is already finding favour with the consumer. It contrasts with Lymeswold, the last new cheese launched in Britain, which was developed to lure the affections of soft-cheese lovers away from French products.

The development of Churnton illustrates that the MBO financing market is willing to put money into new-product development as well as acquisitions.

Under the Bimbo spell

The rest of Europe follows Britain

Any discussion on management buyouts (MBOs) and the management buyin and buyout (Bimbo) will inevitably come to the point where the role of 3i in developing the concept will arise. Even its competitors acknowledge that the company has been instrumental in organising the survival and subsequent development of dozens of companies in Britain and, increasingly in Europe.

Gordon Bonneyman, the managing director of Charterhouse Development Capital, said: "The influence of 3i cannot be overestimated. At a guess, perhaps half of the venture capitalists in the UK buyout industry are graduates of the 3i academy."

It now appears that what 3i has done for much of British business it is now doing in the rest of Europe, according to a director Patrick Dunne, with buyins (MBIs) and Bimbos sweeping the Continent. He said: "For the roots of todays MBI and Bimbos in Germany you have to look back to 1945. That was when the German economic miracle was shaped. Determined entrepreneurs launched businesses that mushroomed into powerful family companies which helped make Germany the envy of the world."

Now, half a century later, even the dynastically-minded Germans are finding it hard to keep family-owned companies intact. "This provides openings for buyins. If dynamic managers, with financial backing, come along and offer to acquire the business, it can solve the succession problem. The alternative might be absorption into a foreign-controlled company."



Gordon Bonneyman

The main factor which appears to spark off the MBI process in Germany is sickness, with more than two-thirds of the MBIs backed by 3i's Frankfurt office arising from a serious illness among the owning family.

Mr Dunne said: "In Germany, MBIs and Bimbos take place predominantly in manufacturing companies. In France the sector range is wider — nearly half are in distribution and the services. But in France, too, the reason for the MBI is usually that the present owner has decided to pass on the baton."

3i has been comparing the characteristics of MBIs and Bimbos in the three countries where they are most developed, the UK, Germany and France. Overall, 3i has backed more than 350 deals, and clear patterns are emerging about the people who become involved. Most of them learned their skills in big companies, but became frustrated with larger corporate cultures.

"On the Continent the amount of capital a manager invests personally in a buyin is higher — an average of £280,000 in France, £250,000 in Germany and £100,000 in the UK," Mr Dunne says. "They appear to have more to invest over there, perhaps because they have fewer of their resources tied up in their homes. It is also more common on the Continent than in the UK for the retiring owner to retain part of the equity after a buyin."

"All this is true of the pattern now emerging in Italy, where we have now backed a handful of MBIs. We think we shall eventually find the same thing in Spain. The greatest thing since sliced bread? We think it is a good one. It is that we find the best selling brand of sliced bread in Spain is called ... Bimbo."

DAVID YOUNG

How to identify a winning team

Simple steps to the quality of leadership

A successful management buyout depends to a large extent on teamwork: the cohesion of the managers who want to translate their efforts and ideas into commercial and financial success and on the team they use, *David Young writes.*

A report by the City law firm Withers and the City University Business School (Cubs) should, therefore, be essential reading for the MBO industry.

The research for the report, *Cultures of Success — The Characteristics of the UK's Leading MBO Teams and Managers*, was undertaken after Withers noticed that investors often had no clear understanding of how managers would perform as teams and individuals once they had acquired the company.

The study, which took place over a three-month period, was carried out by Cubs research fellow Dr Yehuda Baruch and Withers partner David Gebbie. They targeted 104 managers who were involved in MBOs which each received more than £10 million in funding and which subsequently exited via a stock market flotation between 1987 and 1993. They received a response from 54 of the managers.

The study focused on company culture, the buyout management, the team and the team leader; all areas critical to success.

Their main findings include: the typical successful MBO manager is male, 44, grammar-school or privately educated, with a university degree, usually in science or engineering.

Where managers place a high value on a consensus style of management, employee and customer satisfaction increases.

Conversely, where managers are motivated predominantly by income-gain, the buyout has a negative effect on employee and customer satisfaction.

Grammar-school educated managers tend to be more individualistic and less group-orientated than their privately educated, peers.

When attempting a buyout, managers are more motivated by a desire to control their own destiny than a desire to save jobs.

Older managers are more motivated by material gain than their younger peers.

Strength of personality is the most important factor in selecting an MBO team leader, outweighing factors such as the amount personally invested, prior seniority or management skills. Only one woman featured at this level of MBO transaction. The head of the MBO unit at Withers, Tim Stocks, said: "There is no doubt that an MBO's success depends on the makeup of the management team — their skills, personalities and experience.

"Until now no attempt has been made to evaluate this, partly because there are so many variables in examining team cultures and individual attributes. With millions of pounds a year invested in MBOs, we felt strongly that some positive steps had to be taken to incorporate the 'human factor' into investors' decision making.

"Our pioneering report, which lays the ground for more formal profiling, shows that the same characteristics surface time and time again in successful management teams. When weighing up the pros and cons of a team the investor should be on the lookout for these characteristics. For instance, in a corporate recovery situation, we now know that the right qualities are likely to be found in a younger buyout team.

"The Government's stated willingness to underwrite venture capital will be a further stimulant to a buoyant MBO market."

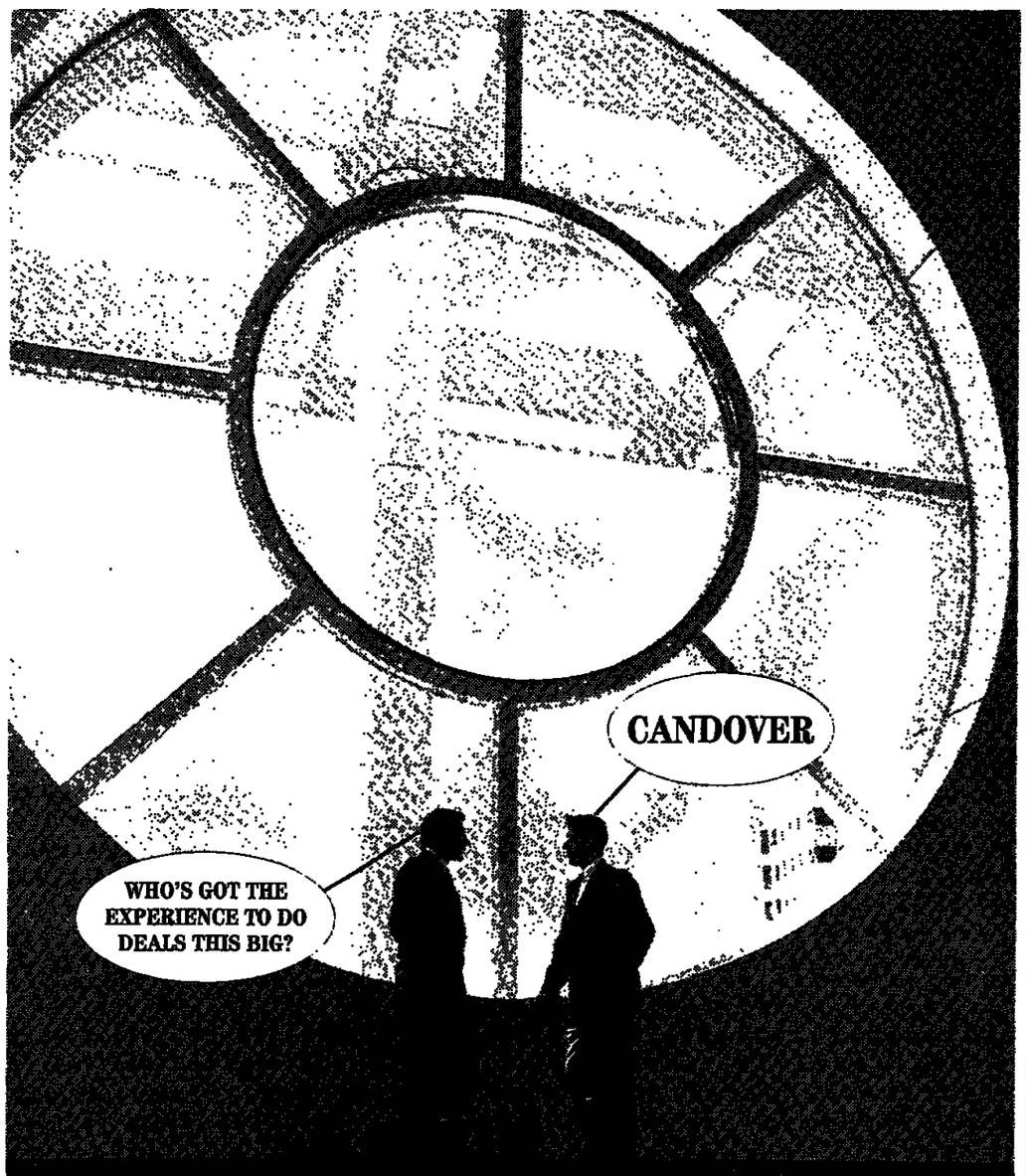
A successful MBO which did involve a high degree of teamwork and the use of skilled professional advisers, experienced in dealing with the potential pitfalls was the £2.5 million buyin and buyout (Bimbo) of Ablex Audio Video from Racal Electronics. The deal, which also involves the availability of a further £5 million for future development, has created one of the leading CD-Rom manufacturing facilities in Europe and involved the bringing togther of John Metcalf, one of the founders of the CD-Rom industry in the UK, and Stephen McEwen, who had extensive City contacts, and some of the previous Ablex directors. Ablex, founded in Telford, Shropshire, in 1969 as part of the Decca group, has been a leading replicator of CDs, floppy discs and cassettes, but now that it has moved from under the Racal wing is set for a major expansion.



Nick Seddon: "It was a classic case"

Although it was John Metcalf who spotted the potential for the venture it was solicitor Nick Seddon, of Midlands lawyers Dibb Lupton Broomhead who, with a team of colleagues, put the deal together.

He said: "In many ways this was a classic case of bringing together people with a company for the benefit of all concerned and bringing together the financial package which has made the whole deal such a success."



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Where is the buyout boom?

Surveys reveal a continuing surge in the number and size of deals, with records being set. But the South East is still lagging behind, **David Young** reports

Positive trends seen in the management buy-out sector in 1994, when several records were broken, are continuing so far this year, according to the Centre for Management Buyout Research at the University of Nottingham's management school.

The findings by the team at Nottingham underline the importance of the sector to the overall level of business in the city, with buyouts and buyins accounting for more than 40 per cent of takeover activity by number, and just under 30 per cent by value.

The centre, which provides authoritative data for the main players in the industry, has found that in the first quarter of this year:

Total buyout and buyin market value has seen a further rise to £1,010 million, an increase of 7. 2 pc on the £942 million in the same quarter last year.

With the continuing increase in importance of buy-outs and buyins in the £10 million to £100 million range, there has been a further rise in the average size of deal to £6.8 million.

The availability of debt and equity remains high. Equity institutions are continuing to develop a more pro-active strategy in deal origination than was traditional. This is expected to contribute to further growth of completions later in the year.

Exits continue to be affected by the less receptive new-issues market. Significantly fewer buyouts will come to the market in the first half of the year, with greater emphasis being given to trade sales as an exit route.

The report's authors, Brian Chiplin, Mike Wright and Ken Robbie, have found that after the sharp fall in activity experienced the previous year, 1994 saw the total volume of buyouts and buyins rise by more than an eighth to 549 transactions. Market value rose by 28.5 per cent and, at £3.68 billion, was at the highest level since the peak year of 1989. They suggest that this recovery was primarily the result of a 46.5 per cent increase in the buyin segment of the market. With 145 deals being completed in the year, the number of buyins was almost at a record level, being surpassed only by the 148 deals seen in 1989.

In contrast, the number of buyouts rose by only 5 per cent, to 404. The value of buyins rose by more than half, 53.8 per cent, to £1.08 billion, while buy-out value rose by a fifth, £2.59 billion.

The authors say: "We noted last year that activity in the £10-25 million price range was particularly healthy. However, it was also notable that the deals in the over £25 million price range also showed marked recovery, increasing from 20 in 1993 to 30 in 1994, worth £1,440 million. Buyins with a transaction value exceeding £25 million increased strongly from three to ten, worth £535 million.

> The biggest increase is in deals for family-owned firms

"Buyouts from receivership peaked in 1992 at a little under a fifth of all deals. A modest reduction in the market share of buyouts from this source was seen in 1993, but the fall recorded in 1994 was dramatic. From accounting for a sixth of buyouts in 1993, receivership cases were down to only 3.7 per cent in 1994. The actual number of deals, 15, was a quarter of the level of the previous year.

"The share of buyouts accounted for by divestments from UK parents recovered a little from the record low of 1993, but was still the second lowest share ever at 42.4 per cent. In the context of the overall increase in buyouts the actual number of deals completed rose from 152 to 171. In contrast, the share of buyouts coming from foreign parents eased a little from the high levels of 1993 to 12.6 per cent."

The biggest increase in buyout deal volume was accounted for by purchases of family-owned businesses, whose market share rose from 27.5 per cent in 1993 to a record 34.0 per cent last year. Actual deal completions rose by a third to 141, also a record. Buyouts involving public sector activities rose to their highest share of the market since 1988, at 5.7 per cent. Transactions rose by ten, to 23, reflecting the continuing sale of bus companies and the privatisation of British Coal.

There were also big changes in the regional distribution of buy-outs, with the share of activity in the South East continuing to decline, reaching a record low of only 28.2 per cent of deals during 1994. The number of deals in the West Midlands rose from 8.1 per cent of the total to 12 per cent In the South West the rise was from 4.2 per cent to 7.7 per cent, in the North from 3.5 per cent to 5 per cent, while in Yorkshire and Humberside the move was slightly downwards to 9.5 per cent, after big rises in 1993.

The share of buyout market value was also a record low in the South East, at 34.7 per cent, while the North West experienced its highest share of value since 1986, at a sixth of the overall total.





Paul Reeves, on a London General bus: "The whole workforce can now enjoy the benefits of share ownership and play a part in our direction"

When success is one short stop away

How London's famous red buses took their own route

When in London, you have only to look around you to see the result of a successful management buyout, *David Young reports*. London's famous, red, double-deck buses are mainly driven by staff who took part in a buyout last November when London General Transport Services bought the business from London Transport.

The management team now runs the largest of the ten privatised bus companies operating in London after their £32.3 million deal.

The newly-formed corporate finance division of Lombard Business Finance provided more than £11.4 million of debt funding, and the transaction was written in conjunction with NatWest Markets Acquisition Finance. NatWest provided senior debt and took over the banking business with Montague Private Equity providing equity finance.

London General operates a fleet of 630 buses, with a staff of 1,800 and with a turnover of more than £50 million. It is now gearing up for growth, with more than 110 million passengers being carried each year. It has already beaten off competition to win two large contracts for the Red Arrow network and key routes on southwest London which will involve an investment of £1.1 million in new buses.

The company's finance director, Paul Reeves, said: "The money raised enabled management and employees to buy the business from London Transport. The whole workforce can now enjoy the benefits of share ownership and each employee can now play a part in the company's direction.

"We dealt with Lombard as they stood out from the crowd. They had an in-depth knowledge of our business as well as an understanding of our commercial approach."

The corporate division of Lombard Business Finance has recently expanded to focus the company's skill on the needs of the growing, but demanding, management buyout sector. Other recent successes include the £192 million buyout of the car hire specialists Eurodollar.

Paul Gee, director of marketing and planning, said: "The fixed assets of a business provide a natural opportunity to raise funding for an acquisition or a buyout. Lombard Business Finance has developed a high level of expertise in this area and offer a different perspective."

Another major player in the Eurodollar deal was Charterhouse Development Capital, which became involved after being approached by the leading investor Prudential Venture Managers.

Saying goodbye can be the toughest business decision

It was three against one when the four founders of Druid Systems sat down to map out their future.

The computer consultancy and software company had been set up in 1987. By 1993 it was time to decide the best way to develop what had already proved to be a fast growing outfit. Each of the founders held a 25 per cent stake.

David Thompson was the odd one out. Yet by the end of the year he was the one watching the other three say goodbye. Mr Thompson says: "There was a divergence in attitudes towards how the business should be run. There was also a division on the ownership of shares in the company."

When the company was established it offered two services. Mr Thompson was on the consultancy side. The other partners were specialist in developing computer software.

Mr Thompson says: "It was the consulting side that was making the money and the software side that was absorbing it so I was in a strong position to dictate the future of the company. We were making money but it was clear that the consulting side could do better on its own."

Mr Thompson organised a management buyout and in December 1993 the other three founders left. Druid was to concentrate on the consultancy work. The buyout provided the opportunity for a reorganisation at the top. Mr Thompson became managing director. David Tebbs, a previous chairman and chief executive officer at BIS Banking Systems, came in as chairman, bringing with him extensive knowledge of the IT consultancy field. Simon Leefe was appointed non-executive director to represent Candover and Phoenix, the venture capital companies that took equity in the buyout. A finance director was appointed and key staff were promoted.

Druid is one of the country's top 20 information technology consultancies, operating across Europe. It specialises in advising on integrated business systems for medium to large multinationals and is particularly strong in logistics and finance. It employs more than 80 staff — nearly double the number of employees at the time of the buyout — and had a turnover of £4 million last year. Clients include Polaroid, General Electric, Unilever and Courage. Druid has linked up with SAP, a German company that is one of the fastest growing software companies in the world.

Mr Thompson cut his 25 per cent holding to just 10 per cent in the buyout to allow employees to take a stake.

This, he felt, would allow the company to focus its efforts on expanding its team of consultants to take advantage of the rapidly growing European market.

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Giving — and taking away

David Haigh believes the IASC has created rules which discriminate unfairly against intangible assets

The draft standard on intangible asset accounting, ED 50, approved by the International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC), gives with one hand and takes with the other. It accepts that both internally generated and acquired intangibles should be included in financial statements, and then creates insurmountable obstacles to their inclusion. In an attempt to be prudent, the IASC has succeeded in creating rules that unreasonably discriminate against intangible assets and are inconsistent with other of its pronouncements.

For example, the IASC's own *Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements* states that "the objective of financial statements is to provide information about the financial position, performance and changes in financial position of the enterprise that is useful to a wide range of users in making economic decisions".

The IASC's new standard on segmental reporting will insist that "internal financial reporting to the chief executive officer should be the basis for identifying the nature of risks and returns". Internal managers in many organisations know that chief executives are increasingly focusing on brand performance. Grand Metropolitan is just one of many organisations that now publicly states that business strategies will be considered in the context of its brand portfolio. Economic decisionmakers in the real world also know that far more than half the value of most enterprises is represented by intangible assets, including copyrights, patents, and — above all — brands. They are legally protectable and separately identifiable and can be reliably valued — and there is a growing tendency to buy and sell them. For financial statements to exclude these assets is quite ridiculous.

Yet exclusion would be the effect of ED 50. Few brands will qualify because of "the difficulty of identifying specific amounts of expenditure that give rise to specific future economic benefits". Meanwhile, most acquired brands will be subject to an arbitrary straight line depreciation period of 20 years, regardless of their underlying strength, longevity or value, simply because this coincides with the treatment of unidentifiable "goodwill". High residual values, annual impairment reviews as an alternative to amortisation and rolling 20-year depreciation periods will all be frowned upon.



David Haigh says ED 50 is overprudent and unworkable

If UK companies with powerful historic brands end up following ED 50, reported earnings will be hit, even though the asset in question could be increasing in value.

Where tangible assets are concerned, the IASC's standard, IAS 16, sensibly allows the inclusion of revalued amounts for assets previously stated at cost, subject to regular and systematic review by professionally qualified valuers. Such valuations can be based on market values, replacement costs or appraised valuations, which are often based on discounted cashflow analysis. By contrast, ED 50 permits revaluation only where the assets are identical (or can be divided into units that are identical) and are traded on an active secondary market with publicly available prices. This is clearly impossible in the case of most intangibles, particularly brands.

Since the late Eighties, thousands of brands worth billions of pounds have been valued to the satisfaction of financial directors, auditors, tax authorities, banks and courts. Why is this approach so unacceptable to the setters of accounting standards? If economic use valuations are reliable enough for these professional interest groups, why are they unacceptable for financial statements?

Surely if such revaluations were accompanied by informative notes on historical costs, cashflows used and the basis of valuation, financial statements would be more likely to honour the spirit of the IASC framework and to repeat the good sense of IAS 16. All those who inhabit the real world should let the IASC know that ED 50 is over-prudent, unworkable and contradictory.

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Bigger slice of the tasty taxation cake

WHEN the main accountancy firms release their annual figures next Monday, there will be one trend which will stand out. Their tax departments will have done extremely well. This leads to two consequences. First, bright partners in tax will secure even more power within their firms. Remember that the managing partner at Arthur Andersen is a tax practitioner, born and bred. And another tax man, Andrew Jones, steps up to become Ernst & Young's UK managing partner at the end of this month. Just as there was a surge of management consultants coming through into senior management positions during the 1980s, this decade looks like being the decade of the tax guru.

The second consequence is a quickening in the old battle over how far lawyers can take away some of the tax market from accountants. In the past, this has always been defused by pointing to the numbers of tax staff employed. The argument has always been that while the most senior of legal firms have taken the most senior of international tax assignments, they never had the staff numbers or the international networks to make much of an effort at the wider tax market. For some people in the tax world, that is still the perceived situation. Peter Wyman, head of tax at Coopers & Lybrand and the outgoing chairman of the English ICA's tax faculty, still believes that the tax work the lawyers are competing for is small scale and focused on niches. For him, the greater competition is simply a function of how badly the recession has hurt legal firms. "In the recession, lawyers have heightened their interest in tax to cover the holes in their merger and acquisition work" was his comment this week. And he thought that "the pendulum has swung about as far as it can go".



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However, his views are far from shared. The senior partner of one of the very largest accounting firms last week posed the question: "Why do Clifford Chance have 100 people in their tax practice if they are only doing individual international assignments?" His conclusion was that at least some of them must be working on the more mundane field of tax compliance, which the accountants have largely had to themselves for a generation. Accountants have got away with being rude about lawyers' abilities for a long time. And by and large, the lawyers have let them. But there are signs that they are starting to bite back. The legal firms have always been at a cultural disadvantage. Accountants are trained to be business advisers. Lawyers are trained to go and sort out a single transaction. Continuing work flows from the former much more easily than the latter.

Also lawyers have not been anything like as fast off the mark at simply being commercial. But that too is changing. As one partner in a large law firm put it to me recently: "We used to have an inability as a profession to understand the market forces facing the professions. These days that Achilles' heel is less exposed."

Lawyers, as well as accountants, now talk of such things as depth of resource, branding, national presence, investment, changing cultures, and using leverage to expand the range of services provided to a client. "It may be very late in the day," said Peter Cole, of the national law firm of Eversheds, "but the legal profession is responding." And, of course, so is the accounting profession. Arthur Andersen delighted in keeping people guessing, but their creation, in Garrett & Co, of a separate legal practice is mostly assumed to be a Trojan horse. Andersens deny this. They argue that it is simply an independent law firm. But as it steadily opens offices around the UK, the suspicions increase. In Australia, for example, legal firms are very aware of how the accountancy profession is making inroads.

There will always be a reticence on the part of many large companies to take all their professional services from one organisation. But, for smaller companies, it does make sense for everything from audit to tax to legal services to come from under the same roof.

The only part of the world where lawyers have it all their own way is in the US, where all the high value-added work is done by the law firms, and accountants make do with the compliance work. It would be interesting to see what would happen if the US law firms decided to clean up the City of London in much the same way as US investment banks have.

Then the accountants would really be worried. But for them, there is some consolation. There is always the bedrock of audit. No one, not even lawyers, would ever want to do audits.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Beating drums for the Beatles

CHILDHOOD events, so novelists tell us, reverberate through the rest of our lives. They certainly do for David McDonnell, national managing partner at Grant Thornton. In his early teens, he played the drums in a group at his school in Liverpool and regularly got duffed up by the lead guitarist, one John Lennon. Now McDonnell, as one of the great and the good of Liverpool, has his revenge. He has been appointed chairman of the trustees of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside. And under his aegis comes the Liverpool Life Museum, which boasts a large collection of Beatle memorabilia.

Village life

YOU can always tell when image-makers have a duff concept on their hands. They try to make it sound rustic and bucolic. Coopers & Lybrand has a problem. Staff are housed in all manner of addresses in the area around their Plumtree Court offices in the City, where they used to be headquartered. To soften this nomadic life, the maps that staff are being given to locate all the offices refer to the area as Plumtree Village.

Son of Cadbury

LAST week's unveiling of the survey that showed that most companies were complying with the Cadbury code on corporate governance was somewhat overshadowed by the fact that no successor chairman to Sir Adrian Cadbury has been appointed, even though there is but one month to go before the successor committee has to start work. Sir Sydney Lipworth, chairman of the Financial Reporting Council, is still ponderously working through his list of respected captains of industry. But sadly they are all still saying no.

Dawn call

IF YOU slept well last night, spare a thought for the outgoing president of the English ICA, Roger Lawson. He was up at some ungodly hour this morning to review today's newspapers for *Business Breakfast* on television. Still, as he probably thought as he raced through the dawn in a BBC car, he has only six days of his presidency to go.

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Court of Appeal — Law Report June 1 1995 — Court of Appeal

Maximum sentence cannot be exceeded

Regina v Foran

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Mantell and Mr Justice Hooper

[Judgment May 25]

Where a young offender released on licence was ordered to serve part of a sentence already imposed, section 40(4)(c) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, which provided that that period was to be disregarded in determining the appropriate length of a new sentence, and which applied to offenders of all ages, was not sufficiently specific to create an exception to section 1B(4) of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, as amended, which disallowed the court from passing on an offender aged 15, 16 or 17 a total sentence of detention in a young offender institution which exceeded 12 months.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Jamie Victor Foran against a sentence imposed in September 1994 at Newport Crown Court, Gwent (Judge Burr and justices) of 11 months detention in a young offender institution for an offence of burglary committed 16 days after his release on licence having served four and a half months of a nine-month sentence.

Pursuant to sections 40 and 43 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, the crown court had ordered that his licence be revoked and the remaining sentence of four and a half months less 16 days be served consecutively to the sentence of 11 months, making a total of fifteen and a half months, less 16 days.

Section 1A of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, as inserted by section 123(1)(4) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, and amended by section 63 of and Schedule 11 to the Criminal Justice Act 1991, provides:

"(2) Subject to section 1B(2) below, the maximum term of detention in a young offender institution that a court may impose for an offence is the same as the maximum term of imprisonment that it may impose for that offence.

"(5) Subject to section 1B(4) below, where — (a) an offender is convicted of more than one offence for which he is liable to a sentence of detention in a young offender institution; or (b) an offender who is serving a sentence of detention in a young offender institution is convicted of one or more further offences for which he is liable to such a sentence, the court shall have the same power to pass consecutive sentences of detention in a young offender institution as if they were sentences of imprisonment."

Section 1B of the 1982 Act, as inserted by section 123 of the 1988 Act, and amended by section 63 of and Schedule 13 to the 1991 Act, provides:

"(2) In the case of an offender aged 15, 16, or 17 the maximum term of detention in a young offender institution that a court may impose is whichever is the lesser of — (a) the maximum term of imprisonment the court may impose for the offence and (b) 12 months.

"(4) A court shall not pass on an offender aged 15, 16 or 17 a sentence of detention in a young offender institution whose effect would be that the offender would be sentenced to a total term which exceeds 12 months.

"(5) Where the total term of detention in a young offender institution to which an offender aged 15, 16 or 17 is sentenced exceeds 12 months shall be treated as remitted.

"(6) In this section 'total term' means — (a) in the case of an offender sentenced (whether or not on the same occasion) to two or more terms of detention in a young offender institution which are consecutive or wholly or partly concurrent, the aggregate of those terms."

Section 40 of the 1991 Act, read in conjunction with section 43 which provides that section 40 applies to a person serving a sentence of detention in a young offender institution who is released under Part II, provides:

"(1) ... (a) before the date on which he would (but for his release) have served his sentence in full, he commits an offence punishable with imprisonment; and (b) whether before or after that date he is convicted of that offence ('the new offence').

"(2) ... the court by or before which a person to whom this section applies is convicted of the new offence may ... order him to be returned to prison for the whole or any part of the period which — (a) begins with the date of the order; and (b) is equal in length to the period between the date of which the new offence was committed and the date mentioned in subsection (1) above...

"(4) The period for which a person to whom this section applies is ordered under subsection 2 above to be returned to [a young offender institution] — (a) shall be taken to be a sentence of imprisonment for the purposes of this Part."

Mr Harry Baker, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Warwick McKinnon for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE HOOPER, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was submitted on behalf of the appellant that the sentence of 11 months combined with the order that the appellant serve the period of four and a half months, constituted an unlawful sentenced by virtue of the provisions of section 1B of the 1982 Act, as amended.

Section 17 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 amended those subsections to replace the period of 12 months with a period of 24 months but that amendment had no application in this case.

A number of questions arose from the definition in section 1B(6) of "total term".

First, when being sentenced on September 30, 1994 was the appellant then being sentenced "on the same occasion" to two or more terms of detention. If he was, then the aggregate of those terms would exceed 12 months.

To answer that question it was necessary to decide whether or not the appellant was being "sentenced" to the four and a half months within the meaning of subsection (6)(a). That matter was resolved by turning to section 40 of the 1991 Act.

The effect of section 40, combined with section 43, was that a court might, in the circumstances set out in the section, order that a person who had been released from a period of detention in a young offender institution be returned to a young offender institution in order to complete that sentence.

In their Lordships' judgment, if an order was made that a person be returned to a young offender institution, he was not being sentenced to a term of detention in a young offender institution. If he were being sentenced to a term of detention, section 40(4)(a) would be redundant.

But he was being order to served part of a sentence already imposed and he thus once again became a detainee serving a sentence. It followed that on September 30, 1994 the appellant was not sentenced on the same occasion to two or more terms of detention in a young offender institution.

The second question which then arose from a consideration of section 1B(6), was concerned with the effect of the order made pursuant to section 40(2) and the 11-month sentence imposed on that day.

The first thing to be noted was that the order under section 40(2) had to take precedence because the words of that subsection made it clear that the court could only order the appellant to be returned to prison for a period which began "with the date of the order": see section 40(2)(a).

Also section 40(4)(b) empowered the court to direct that the period to be served from the original sentence "be served before and be followed by or be served concurrently with, the sentence imposed for the new offence".

There was no power to order it to be served consecutively to the sentence imposed for the new offence.

The 11-month sentence therefore had to be regarded as being ordered to be served consecutively to the four and a half months, and, in their Lordships' judgment, by passing that 11-month sentence the court contravened section 1B(4) of the 1982 Act because the effect was that the appellant was sentenced to a total term exceeding 12 months, because of the definition of "total term" in section 1B(6).

Albeit he was not sentenced on the same occasion, the appellant was an offender sentenced to two terms of detention which were consecutive and the aggregate of those terms exceeded 12 months.

In arriving at their conclusion their Lordships recognised that section 40(4)(c) provided that the four and a half month period "shall be disregarded in determining the appropriate length of (the sentence for the new offence)", but that subsection, which applied to offenders of all ages, did not appear to be sufficiently specific to create an exception to section 1B(4) of the 1982 Act.

Even if it were to do so it would not appear to affect section 1B(5) which provided for the remission of so much of the total term as exceeded 12 months.

There remained the question of what, for the purposes of section 1B(6)(a) of the 1982 Act were the two terms of detention to which by the end of the proceedings on September 30 the appellant had been sentenced, albeit on different occasions.

In their Lordships' judgment the answer to that question was nine months and 11 months, and the aggregate was therefore 20 months.

The four and a half months less 16 days was only a part of the nine months and had to be regarded as a separate sentence only for the purposes of Part II of the 1991 Act: see section 40(4)(a).

Accordingly the sentence of 11 months would be set aside and a sentence of three months would be substituted.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

When father does not take part in adoption

In re C (Minor) (Adoption: Parties)

Before Lord Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Thorpe

[Judgment May 16]

An unmarried father without parental responsibility did not have to be joined as a respondent to proceedings for his child's adoption.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by prospective adopters against the dismissal by Judge Barham at Lowestoft County Court on December 12, 1994 of their application for the removal of the child's natural father as a party to the adoption proceedings. The matter was remitted to the county court for further consideration.

Rule 15 of the Adoption Rules (SI 1984 No 265) provides: "(2) The applicant [for an adoption order] shall be the proposed adopter and the respondents shall be — (a) each parent or guardian (not being an applicant) of the child..."

Rule 2, as amended by the Adoption (Amendment) Rules (SI 1991 No 1880) provides: "(2) Except where a contrary intention appears, a word or phrase used in these rules shall have the same meaning as in the Children Act 1989 or, where the word or phrase does not appear in that Act, as in the [Adoption] Act."

Mr Allan Levy, QC and Ms Jane Gill for the prospective adopters; Mr Anthony Kirk for the father; Mr Peter Wain for the guardian ad litem.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the issue was whether on an application for adoption it was a mandatory requirement of law that an unmarried natural father, who did not have parental responsibility for the child, ought to be joined as a respondent to the proceedings.

As appeared from *In re C (Minors) (Adoption: Residence order)* ([1994] Fam 1) the word "parent" meant different things in different provisions of the Children Act 1989 and included natural fathers in some circumstances but not in others.

In his Lordship's judgment, for present purposes the meaning of the word "parent" was that used in Schedule 10 to the Children Act 1989. Paragraph 30(7) provided, by amendment of the Adoption Act 1976 to which the Adoption Rules 1984 were subordinate, the definition of parent that the 1976 Act had hitherto lacked: section 72(1) now provided that "parent" meant "any parent who has parental responsibility for the child under the Children Act 1989".

Section 11 of the Interpretation Act 1978 provided that where an Act conferred power to make subordinate legislation, expressions used in that legislation had, unless the contrary intention appeared, the meaning which they bore in the Act.

It was also to be noted that the same result could be reached for the purposes of the Magistrates' Courts (Adoption) Rules (SI 1984 No 611) by a more direct route.

Rule 2(2), as amended by the Adoption (Amendment) Rules 1991, provided that expressions in the Rules which were used in the 1976 Act and the 1989 Act had the same meaning as in those Acts. Consequently, without proceeding via the 1989 Act, the definition now in the 1976 Act could be applied directly to that subordinate legislation.

Mr Justice Thorpe agreed.

Solicitors: Nicholsons, Lowestoft; Lloyd & Co, Thetford; Lucas & Wyllys, Lowestoft.

Death row sentence commuted

Bradshaw v Attorney-General of Barbados and Others Roberts v Same

There was no reason to vary the period of five years laid down in *Pratt v Attorney-General for Jamaica* ([1994] 2 AC 1) following which there would be strong grounds for believing that the delay in carrying out a sentence of death was such as to constitute inhuman or degrading punishment or other treatment.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Lane, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Steyn and Sir Ralph Gibson) so stated on May 24 in allowing appeals by the appellants, Peter Bradshaw and Denzil Orlando Roberts, from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal of Barbados of their appeals from the judgment of Mr Justice Waterman in the High Court dismissing their applications in proceedings against the respondents, the Attorney-General of Barbados, the Superintendent of Glendairy Prison and the Chief Marshal, for redress for alleged infringements of their constitutional rights.

LORD SLYNN said that a meticulous effort had been made to deduct periods when it could be said that the appellants were not getting on with proceedings or complying with rules and to show that enough months could be deducted to reduce the relevant delay to below five years.

Their Lordships wished to discourage the minute examination of weeks and even months when such delay could be said to have occurred and to be the responsibility of one or other party so that it had to be apportioned.

The right approach was to take the total period of time which had elapsed and then to ask, as indicated in *Pratt* (at pp29-30) whether the "delay is due entirely to the fault of the accused such as an escape from custody or frivolous and time wasting resort to legal procedures which amount to an abuse of process". If they did the defendant could not take advantage of the delay. In the present case no period fell to be deducted from the total period of over five years which had elapsed since the appellants had been sentenced to death, and a sentence of life imprisonment should be substituted.

VAT assessment has to be made in correct time period

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Croydon Hotel and Leisure Company Ltd

Before Mr Justice Popplewell

[Judgment May 17]

For the purpose of making an assessment under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 7 to the Value Added Tax Act 1983 the Commissioners of Customs and Excise could only assess for the period in which an entitlement to input arose and not for the period in which the deduction to input tax was claimed.

Mr Justice Popplewell so stated in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an appeal by the commissioners against a decision of a London VAT Tribunal dated March 16, 1994 which found that an assessment made in June 1993 of input tax due from the Croydon Hotel and Leisure Company Ltd was out of time as the two-year time limit in paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 7 related to the time input tax arose during the company's accounting period ending March 31, 1991.

In February 1991 Croydon had paid £2 million as compensation for termination of a hotel management agreement.

Their VAT accounting period ended on March 31, 1991. A claim for input tax was paid in the VAT accounting period ending September 30, 1991.

The commissioners on September 4 allowed a deduction of input tax of £260,869 on condition that it would be repaid if it was later determined that the £2 million was not consideration for a taxable supply.

A determination in those terms was made. In June 1993 the commissioners assessed the amount of £260,869 as tax due from Croydon.

Croydon appealed. The VAT tribunal did not hear the substantive hearing because the 1993 assessment was deemed out of time.

Mrs Melanie Hall for the commissioners; Mr Roderick Cordara, QC and Miss Perdita Cargill-Thompson for Croydon.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that the tribunal was correct in its finding.

He adopted the chairman's reasoning that it was essential for the purposes of applying the two-year time limit in paragraph 4(5) of Schedule 7 to the 1983 Act, to decide which was "the prescribed accounting period", the accounting period to March 31, 1991 when the entitlement to credit arose, or the accounting period to June 30, 1991 which was the first period in which it could be claimed.

The prescribed accounting period in paragraph 4(5) was presumably the accounting period referred to in paragraph 4(2) which began: "In any case where, for any prescribed accounting period, there had been paid or credited to any person..." The key word was "for".

Paragraph 4 had to be read together with sections 14 and 15 of the 1983 Act which provided for the allowance of input tax. Section 15(1) gave a definition of "for" when it said: "... so much of the input tax for the period (that is input tax on supplies acquisitions and importations in the period)...".

The chairman had seen no reason why "for" should not be similarly construed in paragraph 4(2). The input tax was "for" the accounting period ended March 31, 1991, no matter when it became claimable or when it was in fact claimed and allowed. An assessment in June 1993 was therefore out of date.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise; Evans Dodd.

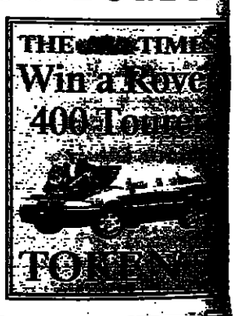
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■ FILM 1

Elizabeth Hurley adorns the screen in *Mad Dogs and Englishmen*, an otherwise bad British movie



■ FILM 2

Puerto Rican spitfire Rosie Perez rules the roost in East Los Angeles in the uneven feature, *Somebody to Love*

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■ THEATRE 1

Limping along: Brian Cox's flawed production of *Richard III* launches an open air summer season



■ THEATRE 2

The Redgraves resurrect *The Fireraisers*, a worthy addition to their anti-fascist season in London

Keep off the junk, Liz

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** is less than impressed by Elizabeth Hurley as a poor-little-rich-girl addict



Heroine on heroin: Paula Hamilton (left) and Elizabeth Hurley in Henry Cole's unconvincing first feature film, *Mad Dogs and Englishmen*

Last Sunday at the Cannes Film Festival, Elizabeth Hurley was smiling madly, bursting out of an unwise lime-green dress as she ascended the stairs with Hugh Grant at her side, cameras clicking all around. She does this kind of thing so often that you tend to forge she also acts. Not that you could confuse her with Sarah Bernhardt, exactly; least of all in **Mad Dogs and Englishmen**, a bad British film in which nobody radiates with talent, even if they usually have a plentiful supply.

Her character, Antonia, is a heroin user, born to money but not to love: her mother has committed suicide and her father is a remote stuffed shirt, pillar of his club and City boardrooms. Home is either the country estate or a fancy nook in SW3. Sometimes she ventures to the pleasure dome of a lordly drug dealer, where glazed young faces loom through the fug and candlelight. Mostly she curls up in chairs, beds and sofas, white powder at hand.

Henry Cole, a director of commercials and documentaries, comes to his first feature with good credentials: he was a heroin addict himself, he admits, from a comfortable background, and he wanted to make a film with a warning. But while the settings and *upper-class vowels* may be authentic, both he and his screenwriter, Tim Sewell, seem ignorant of the structure, *suspense and psychology* a convincing thriller needs. Trite words about loveless childhoods are not enough; nor are characters such as Joss Ackland's corrupt drugs squad inspector, unhinged by too much devotion to his own loose-living daughter.

Mad Dogs and Englishmen
Plaza, 18, 97 mins
Inadequate portrait of well-heeled degenerates

Somebody to Love
Curzon West End, 18, 103 mins
Meet Rosie Perez, taxi dancer

Don't Get Me Started
National Film Theatre, 76 mins
Notorious fiasco from the BFI

Tales from the Crypt: Demon Knight
Plaza, 18, 93 mins
Horror comic spin-off with gore galore

Ackland gives us the full, stale slice of ham: mad staring eyes, *menacing grins*. Jeremy Brett, nostrils flaring nicely, is more entertaining as Tony Vernon-Smith, acme of decadent aristocracy. But most of the rest cannot summon the gusto to offset the banalities that pour from their lips. And Hurley? She looks attractive and adorns furniture well, but with material like this, ascending the red steps at Cannes *does seem the better option*.

Another, far different lady rules the roost in **Somebody to Love**, the Puerto Rican spitfire *Rosie Perez. At one point in* Alexandre Rockwell's hymn to losers and hopers in the East Los Angeles barrio, Perez follows a voice improvement tape, enunciating phrases such as "55 fish were fishing" and "Kate kicked the kitty cat". But the Perez squawk remains; and her abrasive personality, firmly in the spotlight, is one of the reasons why the film sits uneasily on the screen.

This is the sixth feature for Rockwell, who emerged three years ago with *In the Soup*, a loopy comedy about a struggling film-maker. Fame has brought a lurch toward the mainstream; though any film featuring Steve Buscemi in drag and Harvey Keitel reciting Shakespeare in leopard-skin underpants is clearly no factory product.

For admirers of *In the Soup*, the biggest loss will be Rockwell's zany humour, which disappears after early scenes establishing Perez as an aspiring actress by day and dancer for hire at Keitel's tacky club by night. In its place comes a hesitant romance with a young, lovesick Mexican, who complicates his own life by *running errands for Anthony* Quinn's racketeer.

Rockwell, a New Yorker, wrote the script with Sergei *Bodrov, the Russian director* of *Freedom is Paradise*, now living in California; and the film, packed with noise, colour and bustle, *is suffused with an* attractive sympathy for life's underdogs, of whatever culture. But the relationship between Perez and her doting beau (Michael DeLorenzo) never achieves the weight necessary to sustain the plot. And Perez herself is too prickly a personality to make her character shine like Giulietta Masina's starry-eyed hooker in *Nights of Cabiria*, the Fellini film that served as Rockwell's inspiration.

British cinema puts another wrong foot forward with **Don't Get Me Started**, a skeleton in the British Film Institute's closet, now let out *for seven performances at the* National Film Theatre. Shot under the title *Psychotherapy*, this thriller of sorts by Arthur Ellis, director of spoof shorts and rock videos, first emerged at the 1993 Cannes market to be spattered with eggs.

A second version was then assembled: new scenes were added, the soundtrack was revamped, the running time reduced by 22 minutes, and, as a final precaution, the title changed. All this while the film's cost, shared with assorted German concerns, mounted to an embarrassing degree. Not for nothing has the BFI's Production Board now embarked on a run of features with a strict budget limit of £450,000.

Figures on balance sheets *pose one problem for the BFI's* accountants. The film itself poses quite another. You watch its progress as you *might watch a drunk tottering* on the pavement's edge, about to be hit by a car. Ellis performs some tottering himself, veering between comedy and the drama of paranoia.

Trevor Eve gives an acceptable performance as the troubled hero, a secret assassin who attempts to blend into bland suburbia and struggles to maintain abstinence from tobacco while all around smoke like chimneys. But the wavering tone, dead atmosphere, and overstretched story make *the film singularly* unconvincing, and one with almost no audience appeal.

Championing new directors *always involves risks: if the* Production Board had played safe in the past, they would not have supported Peter Greenaway, Terence Davies or Derek Jarman. But in this hard age, even the most beautifully artistic of ventures needs to find paying customers. One of the BFI's new £450,000 films, *3 Steps to Heaven*, may have found a prosperous sale in America, but I fear for **Madagascar Skin**, also selected for screening at Cannes.

This has a gifted visual stylist as director: Chris Newby, responsible for *Anchoress*. Unfortunately, his second feature is the cinematic equivalent of twiddling your thumbs for 90 minutes. Wandering on the seashore, an alienated homosexual with a *facial birthmark shaped like* Madagascar (John Hannah) finds a tattooed scaffolder (Bernard Hill) buried in the *sand. As they share their days* in an abandoned cottage, whimsy runs riot, the odd memorable image comes and goes, but drama never makes an appearance. It is the kind of limp, elitist film doomed to play one week at the ICA.

American commercial cinema, for all its faults, never loses sight of its audience. **Tales from the Crypt: Demon Knight** came into being through the success of the cable television series, itself inspired by the famous horror comics of the 1950s. Lovers of gore, glop and juvenile humour should find much of interest in the battle to save the *forsaken residents of a Texas* motel from the clutches of demonic Billy Zane. It is not exactly *Citizen Kane*, but at least the film-makers deliver the goods they want to sell.

THEATRE: A ragged portrait of King Richard; Max Frisch's topical classic

Drama all in the costume

Richard III
Regent's Park

Opening the alfresco season, Brian Cox's production of *Richard III*, like its limping, lopsided king, does not quite hang together. Why is Lord Hastings's lady begowned *à la* medieval damsel while Richard's unarmed mama is auditioning for he part of Queen Victoria, like a bulldog in a whalebone corset? Several 15th-century dukes favour jeans, while cursing Queen Margaret (unusually young in the person of Anne White) is in Joan of Arc's armour. This trans-historical dressing suggests that the wardrobe department needs more money.

Bent on evil, Richard (Jasper Britton) emerges through a trapdoor, his unclothed body trussed with bandages. This is a striking start a picture of naked villainy that exposes both the deformity that drives the man and his ultimate vulnerability. Stripping him again at his death may bring him full circle, but this undressing is a laborious business, requiring a scrum of spare actors.

On a par with the production, Britton himself is acceptable but forgettable. His Richard, bearded and with greased-down curls, has flashes of grotesque menace and funniness. He is also strong on vitriol, but his wicked comic timing flags and his seduction of Lady Anne (Natascha McElhone) needs more sexual chemistry.

There is some good verse-speaking. *Relaxed, a little wry* but still too decently unsuspecting for this world, Brian Protheroe is perfectly at home in the part of Hastings. Simon Clark pops in as a droll, plummily frosty Archbishop of Canterbury. As Lord Rivers, Peter de Jersey is a fine conquering hero. But several of the cast tend towards rushing and roaring their griefs, not investing all their soul in their lines. Tanya McCallin's ladders are technically tricky and her scaffolding set looks drab in the daylight, although it improves with flambeaux.

Nevertheless, the production's problem of coherence remains. Every now and then a clutch of court extras arrive in grey masks. Though their leader is, of course, the king of dissembling, the masks themselves remain stuck in the *margins*.

At least the beat of African drums carries some weight, backing the bitter wars and ritualistic maledictions with a potent, uncourtly pulse.

KATE BASSETT

Caution — flammable material

The Fireraisers
Riverside

DO the Redgraves know that Max Frisch first intended *Biedermann*, as *The Fireraisers* is called in his native Switzerland, to be a wry comment on the communist takeover of Czechoslovakia? Maybe, maybe not. All the same, the play more than merits its slot in *Memory*, the anti-fascist season their Moving Theatre is presenting in W6. Whatever else it may bring to mind today, the hijacking of Germany by the Nazis is not the least of its satiric concerns.

Biedermann himself is a hair-oil tycoon and, as Malcolm Tierney plays him, a pretty suave fellow. Frances de la Tour, his wife, cuts an equally slick, assured figure in her trouser suit. They seem, and are surely meant to seem, more like upper-crust English people of 1995 than members of the mid-European, mid-century bourgeoisie. But both performers are soon signalling the inner weakness and unease that Frisch's parable demands. When a vagrant called Schmitz (chunky, cheerfully yobbish Cliff Parisi) wanders into their living room, do they summon the police? No, the tough-talking, hard-dealing Biedermann is bamboozled and intimidated into letting the man doss down in the attic, telling himself the first of many saving lies, which is that he is a very charitable person.

Soon Schmitz is joined by *Eisenring* (urbanely sinister Jonathan Barlow), who has just served a prison sentence for arson. This is worrying in *itself, for fires* have been breaking out all over the city. It becomes more troubling still when the two house-guests *move in vats of petrol, plus* fuses. Yet the Biedermans refuse to believe the evidence that is not merely under their *noses but being shoved up* them by fireraisers who are, as it turns out, absolutely candid about their intentions. *After all, how many God*-fearing Germans thought Hitler really meant that destructive nonsense, *Mein Kampf*?

With the help of a spoof Sophoclean chorus of ululating firemen, Frisch is attacking the self-deception, complacency, cowardice and greed which have let political evil *flourish and may do so again*. That *The Fireraisers* does not only concern the past is emphasised partly by the *slightly updated clothes*, partly by the coda the dramatist himself wrote for the play's German premiere. The city has been reduced to ashes and the Biedermans dispatched to hell. But the Devil is dissatisfied with such small fry. The big villains are being pardoned and their city is richer than ever. So back he goes to planet Earth to stoke up new, more hideous conflagrations.

Lindsay Anderson's production in 1962 ended with exploding H-bombs. That, he implied, was where the Biedermans' wilful stupidity and our failure to punish evil was leading us. Lenka Udovicki's revival is quieter, less sensational, at times lacking in tension, but still leaves you with the feeling that this play is a modern classic: witty, stylistically imaginative, and as pointed as ever. Look at the Balkans now. Schmitz is with us still and, no doubt, Biederman too.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE







■ TONIGHT

Fine performances as Steven Pimlott's superb production of *Measure for Measure* transfers to the Barbican



■ TONIGHT

A long weekend of Mozart and Salieri closes *Spitalfields Starters*, in the new Chamber Opera House for London

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A new colossus for the heart of Cambridge: John Outram's exciting transformation of an old hospital

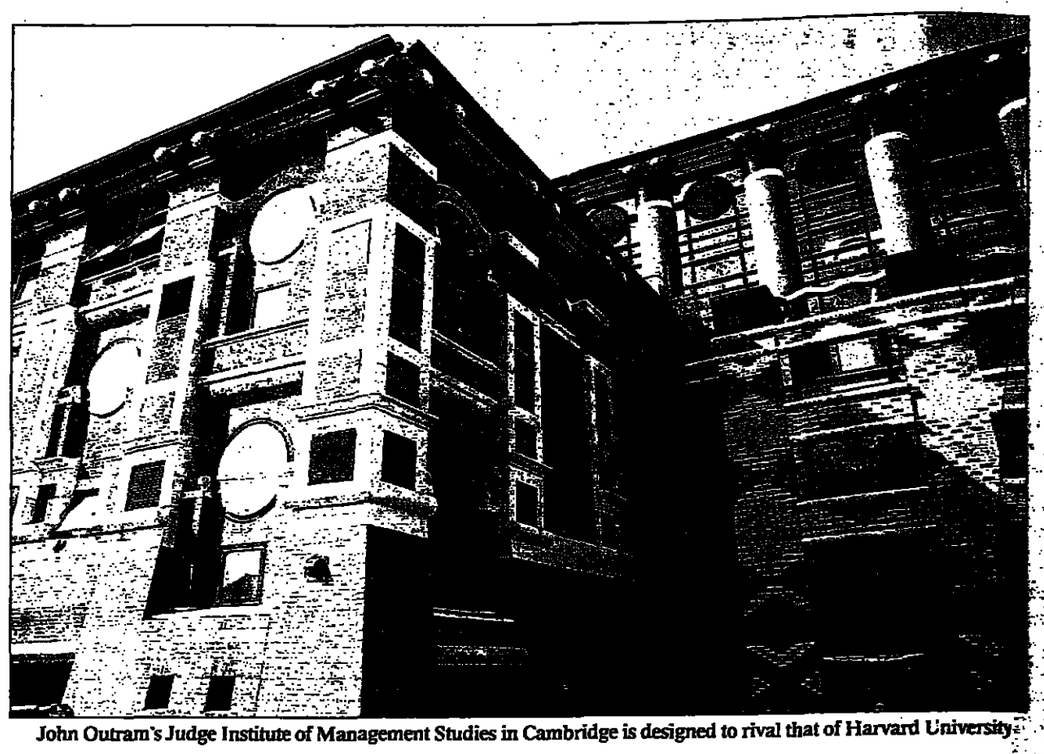


■ DANCE

New moves: the men and women of Netherlands Dance Theatre strike out on their own at Sadler's Wells

The colour of money

Marcus Binney admires the confident style of Cambridge's striking new business school



John Outram's Judge Institute of Management Studies in Cambridge is designed to rival that of Harvard University

The heart of Cambridge has a new colossus — brightly coloured, boldly detailed and provocatively soaring above every rooftop save the chapel at King's. The transformation of the old Addenbrookes Hospital, opposite the Fitzwilliam Museum, into the new Judge Institute of Management Studies is almost complete.

From modest beginnings in the Engineering School, the Judge Institute is now intended to rival the business schools at Harvard and Fontainebleau. In addition to the £6 million given by Paul and Anne Judge, a matching sum came from the Sainsbury family's Monument Trust, with an insistence on high-quality architecture.

John Outram, the architect who won the institute's invited competition, had an agenda of his own well beyond the simple provision of pleasant working space. Outram's aim is nothing less than to "banish the fear of beauty forever".

"Cambridge dons think that beauty is something added to function, a luxury, and if there is one thing intellectuals fear, it is to be accused of being a luxury," Outram says. "Yet they also know that the beauty of Cambridge helps to attract the best minds."

The best approach to his new institute is from across the quadrangle of Downing College. Here you see a modern-day Egyptian temple with massive 80ft columns soaring above the low Regency roofs of Downing. "Downing was started in 1807 when Greek Revival represented the new thinking of liberty," Outram says. "But this neo-classicism is too modern for me. I prefer to study the real Greek architecture, which was painted from head to foot."

Walk through Downing into Tennis Court Lane and the institute is ablaze with colour. On the left is the lecture theatre block in golden brick with blue trim. Set back on the right is the Ark — so called because it is where the professors work two-by-two.

The Ark has the kind of polychrome brickwork rarely seen since Art Deco — ten shades of yellow, red, blue and white bricks, both matt and glazed, set in stepped pyramid patterns. "All the original architectures — Chinese, Hindu, Pre-Columbian — were coloured. Indeed the first cladding for nomadic huts was coloured cloth," Outram says.

Inside is a huge soaring hall. Outram calls it a gallery, crisscrossed by flying staircases and bridges. The dons told him they did not want corridors. "They wanted a central space where you could sit down and see everyone else and then decide in a typically casual Cambridge way whether you wanted to talk to them."

His tiers of balconies are like the boxes of an 18th-century opera house, with intervening columns giving privacy. "I have taken a traditional column and beam architecture and made it function. I call it the Robotic Order."

His columns are 5ft across for a reason. They contain all the wires, ducts, pipes and switchboxes and are large enough for a man to work in. "Engineering has, or should have, no image. The idea of covering a building in pipes and wires is interesting but it is not good engineering."

Outram plans his interior with a breathtaking palette of 30 colours. "I've invented a way of transferring an image designed on a computer screen onto plaster. I call it videosecco. You print out the pattern onto A3 sheets, put liquid on the paper and plaster, leave it for a few hours and the pattern is transferred permanently onto the column."

Alas Outram's ideas by this time were developing at a speed approaching Mach 2 and his clients took fright. The interior of the building has been given to architects Fitzroy Robinson. They have remained true to Outram's concept but reduced the palette to ten colours, rarely more than two at a time.

Outram is philosophical. "The building is a strong statement as it is, the rest of the decoration can always be added later," he says.

This is Outram's biggest building yet and proves resoundingly that his love of colour and heroic scale can produce popular architecture. The Judge Institute has already helped land him a major commission in Texas. "One critic there has already dubbed it a monster, but I take heart from the French philosopher who said: 'Nature makes monsters sterile. When monsters begin to replicate you know they can't be monsters after all.'"

Offspring impress

DANCE

10 Dancers Ensemble
Sadler's Wells

FIRST there was Netherlands Dance Theatre, which we must now call NDT1. Then there was NDT2, for young dancers at the beginning of their careers. And then there was NDT3, for mature dancers at the end of theirs. Now the remarkably fertile organisation that spawned all three incarnations has produced an offspring.

Although acting independently of Jiri Kylian's Netherlands Dance Theatre empire, 10 Dancers Ensemble comprises dancers from Kylian's main company, while three of their number have been nurtured as choreographers in NDT workshops. Kylian's guiding hand is certainly evident in the mixed programme they bring to London.

Choreographers Johan Inger, Jorma Elo and Paul Lightfoot have adopted the Kylian aesthetic in their work: intriguing and inventive, elliptical and elegant. Of the three, Lightfoot is the most accomplished dancemaker. Like all of his colleagues in this troupe he is classically trained — the Royal Ballet School in his case — and he seems fascinated by the beautiful physiques and technical sophistication of his dancers.

In *Sh-Boom* Lightfoot explores how such finely tuned performers can find expression in every conceivable part of their bodies. His musical references (the piece is set to popular songs, including Vera Lynn's *Auf Wiederseh'n Sweetheart*) are unexpected yet apt. Humour figures largely: the men are in underwear, one of them dances with a pot, and the women — who generally have the upper hand — wield torches. The piece ends, like the recording of Stan Freberg's *Sh-Boom*, locked in a choreographic groove.

Lightfoot's other contribution, *Sigue*, is a duet in which he and Sol Leon find strength and hope in each other. The final image lingers: dancers clutching each other on the floor as a gentle rain blesses them through the spotlight.

Inger is also responsible for two works, one a duet, *Time an Angel*, that opens the programme in playful mood, the man left grovelling at the feet of a woman who couldn't care less. *Next* (set to string quartets by Gorecki and Nyman) is also about male-female relationships, although here, in a trio, the tone is less certain. The two men and one woman shift through clasps of desperation and arcing arabesques straining for emotional intimacy. But when the men sling the woman away at the end, the piece reflects the blunt cynicism of its title.

Elo's *Forest Rain* is the most impenetrable of the work on offer. Two samurai swordsmen, dancers vocalising sound effects, misplaced comic relief and searchinghigh extensions: what does it all addup to?

As a nod to the man who sparked their creativity, the company closes with a work by Kylian himself: *Sechs Tänze*, an occasionally crude but diverting choreographic response to Mozart's German Dances. If 10 Dancers Ensemble has madea mistake in its programming, it haserred on the side of generosity. Six works may represent value for money, but with all of them sharing the same dance language, it does make for just too much of a good thing.

DEBIA CRAINE

LONDON

MEASURE FOR MEASURE First night of previews for Steven Pimlott's superb production from last year's Stratford. Commanding performances from Michael Feast, Alex Jennings and Stella Gonet.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). From tonight, 7.15pm, opens June 7.

ISLINGTON ON PARADE The first Islington International Festival kicks off today with a French Big Top, music and theatre in the street and community events. Other highlights include the Almeida's *The Silver Tassie*, dance at Sadler's Wells, *The Dark Stranger* at the King's Head, marionettes at The Little Angel, Mozart at Christ Church and a feast of music at Union Chapel. Erik Hobart's fire sculpture should be quite a sight on the town hall roof on Sat. **Information**: (0171-704 6722). Today until Sun.

SPITALFIELDS STARTERS A pilot season of small-scale performances in the new Chamber Opera House closes with a long weekend of Mozart and Salieri. Appropriately based on the trials and tribulations of staging an opera, *Der Schauspiel- direktor* and *Prima la Musica, Poi la Parola* are rarely seen in their original juxtaposition.
Box Office: 4-5 Lamb Street, E1 (0171-247 2558). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH Wilde's centenary celebrations continue, with another production of the wonderfully witty **The Importance of Being Earnest**. Richard Baron directs, with Victoria Hardcastle, Pamela Kelly, Simon Egerton and James Telfer.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street (0131-229 9697). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat June 3, 3.15pm. Until June 24.

NOTTINGHAM Opera North takes its French season on tour this week, with a Doyly Carte co-production of *Orpheus in the Underworld* and superlative direction and performances in *The Pearl Fishers* and *Pelleas and Melisande*. Some truly extraordinary evenings of music.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Square (0115-948 2626). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm.

NORWICH. The spring season continues for **Northern Ballet Theatre**, with performances this week of artistic director Christopher Gable's somewhat peculiar and entertainingly outlandish *Swan Lake*.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Street (01603 630000). Today, 2pm and 7.30pm. Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 2.30 and 7.30pm. Next stops, **Glasgow**, Theatre Royal (0141-332 9000), *Romeo and Juliet*; **Manchester**, Palace (0161-238 9322), June 13-17, *Swan Lake*.

POOLE. Jane Maud plays the charming but dollarless heroine in Cambridge Theatre Company's dramatisation of Edith Wharton's **The House of Mirth**, her satirical study of turn-of-the-century New York society. With Lucinda Curtis, Ann Firbank and Andrew Hawkins. Annie Castledine directs.
Arts Centre, Kingland Road (01202 685222). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Next stop, **Oxford**, Playhouse (01865 798600).

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: George Rodger: The Retrospective and Jorg Immendorff: The Rake's Progress (0171-638 4141). **Hayward**: Landscapes of France (071-928 3144). **National Gallery**: Gombrich on Shadows (0171-839 3321). **National Portrait Gallery**: Richard Avedon (0171-306 0055). **Serpentine**: Mark Wallinger (0171-402 6075). **Tate**: Art Now: new gallery space (0171-887 8000). **V & A**: Picturing Plants: A History of Botanical Illustration (0171-938 8500) . . .

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA**. Vanessa Redgrave directs and plays the serpent, and Paul Butler — Shylock and the best thing in Peter Sellars' recent *Merchant* — is her willing prey in this last production of the Moving Theatre season.
Riverside Studio 1, Crisp Road, W6 (0181-741 2255). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Sun, 4pm. Until June 17.

☐ **DEALER'S CHOICE** Patrick Marber's fascinating poker drama: funny one-liners abound, along with perceptions of the roots of gambling. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm. Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI** Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind. **Wyndhams**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE**. The joint is jumping again now that Clarke Peters's celebrated musical has bounced back into the West End. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm.

☐ **GEEK**. The fifth Barclays New Stages Festival kicks off with the Robert Pacitti Company's piece, described as "a savagely humorous freak show steeped in seedy sex". Sounds like business as usual.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, SW1 (0171-730 2554). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm.

☐ **HARVEY**: Laid back performance by Gorden Kaye in very thin comedy about an invisible Rabbit. With Bue McClanahan.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

◪ **HOT MIKADO**: Irresistably enjoyable jazz and jitterbug version of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera. Superb clowning from Ross Lehman's Ko-Ko.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5044). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat and Sun, 3pm.

☐ **INSIGNIFICANCE**. Terry Johnson directs a revival of his own marvellous play. Frances Barber, Alun Armstrong, Ian Hogg and Jack Klaff play Marilyn Monroe, Einstein, Sen. McCarthy and Joe Di Maggio.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Previews begin tonight, 8pm; opens June 7.

☐ **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE**. Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm; Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm.

☐ **PENTECOST**. In the opinion of many, the best play of 1994. David Edgar explores the conflicting claims of art and nationalism, tourism and the needs of the poor, all set in an abandoned church in Eastern Europe. Michael Attenborough directs the RSC production.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Now previewing, 7.15pm, mats June 3 and 7, 2pm. Opens June 8.

☐ **RICHARD II**: Fiona Shaw makes a fascinating choice for the title role in Deborah Warner's production.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.15pm, opens tomorrow.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-867 1044). ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972). ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951). ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060). ☐ **In Praise of Love**: Apollo (0171-494 5070). . . . ◪ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003). . . ☐ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488). ◪ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (0171-369 1731). ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (0171-836 8888). ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055). . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238).
Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol v) on release across the country

◆ **ANTONIA AND JANE** (15): Comedy, with John Larroquette.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

THE SEXUAL LIFE OF THE BELGIANS (18). Funny, quirky sexual odyssey. First in an autobiographical trilogy from Belgium's cultural anarchist, Jan Bucquoy.
Metro (0171-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

CURRENT

◆ **BULLETS OVER BROADWAY** (15): Diverting Woody Allen comedy set in New York's theatre world of the 1920s. **Barbican** (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/ Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366)

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN (18). A decent transfer of Ariel Dorfman's play, but a cramped, impersonal film for Roman Polanski. With Sigourney Weaver, Ben Kingsley, Stuart Wilson. **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722)

◆ **DON JUAN DEMARCO** (15): Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Screen/ Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ONE HUNDRED AND ONE DALMATIANS** (U): Disney's pleasant, witty cartoon version of Dodie Smith's book about endangered puppies.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **OUTBREAK** (18). Taut virus thriller that turns silly. With Dustin Hoffman and Rene Russo and Morgan Freeman. Director, Wolfgang Petersen.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ROB ROY** (15): Lavish but fusty epic, with Liam Neeson as the Scottish folk hero, plus Tim Roth, Jessica Lange, John Hurt and Brian Cox.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **STREET FIGHTER** (12): Mindless action thrills, from the popular video game, with Jean-Claude Van Damme and the late Raul Julia.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

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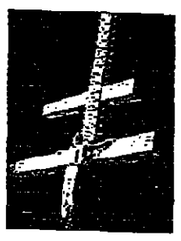
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Outstanding Britten at Covent Garden ... brutalist Strauss in Cardiff ... misguided Janáček in Paris

A nation lost in deep waters

As is the case with all good operas, perceptions of *Budd* change with the passing of time. In 1951 it was probably thought to be about a peculiarly knotty problem of naval discipline, about "doing the right thing". As the officers repeat, nervously, at the Court martial, "we've no choice". More recently it has been admitted (sharp intake of *breath, voices lowered in embarrassment*) that homoeroticism might play a part — cue for a number of glistening-torso stagings.

Today we have advanced a stage further than the particularity of an opera with an all-male cast ("and wasn't Joan cross", as the wags of the day put it) and see *Budd* as a much broader, indeed devastating analysis of English society in general, of the class system, of *hypocrisy, of fake paternalism* that retreats in disorder when the cards are down. Like the near-contemporary *Brideshead Revisited*, the opera depicts pitilessly the absolute hell of being English.

Or so it seemed in Francesca Zambello's fine production, first seen in Geneva last year and bought in by the Royal Opera. Perhaps it takes an outsider — Zambello is American — to turn the screw on us. *Not that the locker-room* element is ignored: extras mingle with the chorus for some pretty tactile scenes below decks, but mercifully the evening transcends the approach of "Billy Budd's first day at his public school".

The production also restores the original four-act text (but with only one interval) revised by Britten after the initial run. The main difference is that we get the so-called "Captain's *Muster" at the end of the first* act, suppressed in its entirety. It is said that the composer was wounded by the critic Ernest Newman's reference to *HMS Pinafore*, and that kind of facetious reaction does in itself indicate a decidedly "English" way of avoiding the issues raised in the work.

But the Muster is part of the opera's structure: we see Vere adored by his men, and hear

Billy Budd
Covent Garden

— much more clearly than in the revision — the hideous irony of Budd singing "I'll die for you". Indeed he will. The parallel with the near-mutiny of the finale is greatly strengthened. We are also introduced to Vere as a man of action rather than a classics master. The other changes are mainly nips and tucks, but the slightly longer version of *Claggart's accusation brings* a sense of the Master at Arms not so much challenging Vere as seeking to draw him into colluding in the elimination of troublesome sailor. The original *Budd* should be heard *more frequently in future, and* to hell with critics.

Tuesday's performance was well-nigh unwatchable, which is as it should be. Alison Chitty's false stage extends over the pit, and the action is *thrust right into the audience's* lap. At first I had doubts about some of Zambello's effects; the Muster is a big production number, but when it was echoed visually by the hanging of Budd, executed with *sickening realism, it all fell* into place. Budd's corpse is left swinging for the rest of the opera, right through Vere's maundering Epilogue. Budd's Christ-like pose on Chitty's Cross-of-Lorraine mast seemed *slightly over the top*, but the Passion element is in the piece, and Vere's Pontius Pilate washing-of-hands at the court martial froze the blood. Both victim and executioner knew precisely what was happening.

The cast is outstanding. Rodney Gilfry has the *physique du rôle* for Budd but, more important, sings absolutely beautifully. I long to hear him in Lieder. Graham Clark was suffering from a chest infection, but sang strongly and graphically conveyed Vere's self-knowledge and *his implacability in the* face thereof: he found no peace in the Epilogue. John Tomlinson's magnificent Claggart was similarly a portrait in self-knowledge rather than just evil: his monologue *was an expression of profound* personal tragedy as much as an Iago-style Credo. There is marvellous support from John Connell (Dansker), David Wilson-Johnson and Gidon Saks as the officers, and Mark Tucker *and David Ellis (Novice* and Friend). John Duykers's Addams Family Squeak, though, seems to belong in another opera. The capable conductor is Robert Spano, and the augmented *chorus is on cracking form.* Not, for those with strong stomachs, to be missed.

RODNEY MILNES

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Rodney Gilfry as Billy Budd and Graham Clark as Captain Vere in the new Covent Garden production of Benjamin Britten's opera, directed by Francesca Zambello

Just an eclectic kind of Guy

Guy Barker's musicianly virtues have earned him a place among the contemporary British jazz greats

The 1980s alliance of jazz and fashion generated a great deal of excitement, but trumpeter Guy Barker recognises that any lasting relationship between jazz and its public in the 1990s must be built on more solid qualities, such as integrity and dedication, respect and commitment.

Barker, at 37, is a firm believer in musicianly values: "Preparation is everything in all forms of music: if you're properly prepared, then you can be in control. If you're haphazard about it, you're in trouble." He learnt his trade *not only on the bandstand in* the National Youth Jazz Orchestra (which he joined at 13) but also at the Royal College of Music. He then balanced experience in larger units, such as those of John Dankworth and Mike Westbrook, with work with smaller groups under Stan Tracey and his drummer son Clark, while earning money to subsidise these jazz interests with studio and film-soundtrack work.

He was in his early thirties before releasing an album under his own name, *Holly J* on Miles Music, and it was four more years before he recorded another, *Isn't It?*, for Spotlite. While both these albums are highly enjoyable, showcasing both Barker's technical assurance and growing confidence as a composer, *there is a slight whiff of the ad* hoc about each. Barker acknowledges that it took the combined backing of a major label, Verve, and Scottish promoter Roger Spence to provide him with the time and re*sources necessary to form a* band unequivocally dedicated to playing Barker music.

The resultant quintet, an international affair featuring Icelandic alto player Sigi Flosason and Portuguese pianist Bernardo Sassetti alongside the long-established rhythm team from the Dankworth Generation Band of drummer Ralph Salmins and bassist Alec Dankworth, has now produced an album, *Into the Blue*, which places Barker firmly where he deserves to be: in the growing ranks of world-class British *jazz players.*

The bulk of the album's music is written by Barker, and ranges from neoclassic swing to whip-smart post-bop, but there are also nods towards the unambiguously modern jazz of Ornette Coleman, and back to the music's origins with the closing track, *Weather Bird Rag.*

Barker has earned the right to such eclecticism the hard way. He remembers a typical three-week period in the late 1980s: "I did a week at Ronnie Scott's with Stan Tracey, then some Bix Beiderbecke re-creation concerts, then I went to *Italy with Ornette Coleman.* You can only learn about the vast wealth of music around you by dipping into it. The value of such wide-ranging experience is demonstrated by the poised, articulate maturity everywhere apparent on Barker's album: *Into the Blue* is unmistakably the work of one guiding musical hand. Barker is no mere musical magpie: he has assimilated from the jazz tradition everything from ragtime through swing to bop and beyond, and has both the technical skill and the artistic imagination to create a highly *individual synthesis from all* his chosen elements.

What is most encouraging for British jazz generally, however, is the fact that Barker is only one of the most prominent examples of what many *see as a general raising of jazz-*musicianship standards in 1990s Britain. He cites a



Barker: "You can only learn by dipping in"

parallel with athletics, being firmly convinced that purely technical prowess will always improve with time, but finds most comfort in the fact that "the heart and soul of the music is improving alongside the rest".

There are many signs that this is indeed the case. If a defining moment for 1980s British jazz was holding the 1988 *Wire British Jazz Awards* at fashion designer Katharine Hamnett's London premises, a defining moment for the 1990s came in October 1994, when the Brazilian composer Hermeto Pascoal toured Britain with an all-British big band. It turned in faultless yet fiery performances, bringing world-class skill and commit*ment to difficult — not to say* alien — music. Leading the trumpet section was Guy Barker.

CHRIS PARKER

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Bare bulb sheds no new light

Elektra
New Theatre, Cardiff

David Alden's production of Richard Strauss's *Elektra* sorely tried Rodney Milnes's patience when it was new three years ago. Alden has been back to tidy it up, but it *still verges on self-parody.*

There is much rolling on the floor. Expressionist shadow-play flickers against a tiled washhouse wall. The severed head of an ox provides plenty of gore for body-smearing before Strauss's real and very visible blood-letting truly begins. And, yes, a naked lightbulb dangles from the flies so that Elektra can strangle herself with a handy flex at the end.

Alden fans doubtless will be relieved that the familiar trademarks of the old brutality are in place. The rest of us will *note that we have been here* before and wonder whether the house of Atreus was ever *quite like this.*

Close your eyes and another far more potent world emerges. Or rather half close them, for Alden has the gift of drawing extraordinarily uninhibited performances from his cast.

At the centre is Mary Lloyd-Davies's Elektra, who casts into the wings at the start any *constraints she might ever* have felt. Barefoot in a shapeless black sack, she begins by plodding the stage with the bovine movements of that ox before it lost its head. The voice is much younger and *fresher than those of most* sopranos who take on Elektra. It already has a Wagnerian strength and glow and also, in Elektra's final and short-lived triumph, a serenity that recalls her compatriot Rita Hunter.

As yet Lloyd-Davies misses *some of the mockery in the* part. But she is the latest in the line of top-class home-grown sopranos the WNO has been unveiling. She is booked at the Coliseum as Isolde. London, please note.

The new Chrysothemis, the Swedish soprano Clarry Bartha, on her British debut, is almost as impressive. Physically she is an improbable sister, with her figure showing well in the white underwear demanded. Such Alden indignities never cloud the voice, another of Wagnerian size, at least in a house of Cardiff's proportions. She alone handled the German text with assurance.

Felicity Palmer repeated her original Clytemnestra. She is not the conventional raddled and bejewelled hag, but a society hostess a bit down on *her luck yet still with plenty of* venom in the tongue.

The men were ordinary. Phillip Joll's Orestes carries too much vibrato and Jeffrey Lawton's Aegisthus almost fell into an early grave Elektra was digging for him.

Mark Wigglesworth, conducting, had a superb evening. The climaxes were *electric and so were the* rhythms of those half-glimpsed waltzes in which the score abounds. A pity the only electricity the production carries is a naked 60 watt bulb.

JOHN HIGGINS

Dancing back to the drawing board

The Cunning Little Vixen
Théâtre du Châtelet, Paris

ONE of the many endearing things about the Châtelet, home of the Théâtre Musical de Paris, is the thick layer of dust coating the auditorium. *Rodney Milnes writes.* Homely it most certainly is, but the more operas you hear there, the more you realise that it also boasts the most extraordinary acoustics. Maybe the grubbiness is all part of it. But *in the wake of works as* disparate as the *Ring, Wozzeck* and *King Arthur*, all of which worked marvellously in terms of sound, *the main* — only? — attraction of this new *Vixen* is the splendour of the orchestra's contribution under the direction of Charles Mackerras.

Playing Janáček can hardly be second nature to the Orchestre de Paris, but it *sounded as though it were — it* would have been a privilege to sit in on rehearsals. The sound was full, lusciously late-romantic, but absolutely clear: the tense musculature of Janáček's writing was always to the fore. Yet — and this is what is so extraordinary about the acoustics — the voices (and *words) were always audible,* floating out easily over the sumptuous barrage of sound from the pit.

And excellent voices they were: Thomas Allen in fine form as the Forester: the Slovak soprano Eva Jenis, her authentically gritty tone perfect for the Vixen; her Czech colleague Hana Minutillo elegantly mellifluous as the Fox (though the top notes of this curiously written role do test mezzos); and the veteran Moravian bass Richard Novak just perfect as the Badger and Priest. Two more Czechs, Josef Hajna and Ivan Kusnjer, sang the Schoolmaster and Poacher. The piece was performed in the original Moravian, with helpful *surtitres.* Musically, Monday's first night was a joy. Mackerras has never sounded more magisterial — and that, since he has been conducting Janáček for 40 years, is saying a lot.

But something went wildly awry with the production, *credited to Nicholas Hytner.* It should perhaps more properly have been credited to the choreographer Jean-Claude Gallotta, whose 20-plus corps de ballet more or less took over, in choreography as horrible as only French choreography can be — all high kicks, angular port de bras and general scampering about. Its cutesiness made Ashton's *Tales of Beatrix Potter* look the very pinnacle of anthropomorphic sophistication.

Add some crass effects built into Bob Crowley's garish decor — a vision of Terynka in a giant sunflower, and a Folies-Bergère number for Vixen-as-woman involving a balloon — and there was precious little left for Hytner actually to direct. The first pub scene was played behind a gauze with top lighting, so you couldn't see the singers' faces, but in the second and in the few moments of the finale when Allen was blissfully alone on stage, you saw what could have been if the choreographer had been disposed of on day one of rehearsals.

Janáček took a newspaper strip cartoon and transformed it into a profound meditation on the mystery of human life and the *natural world; to* witness it being reduced back to strip-cartoon level was simply intolerable.

FROM THE ROOT TO THE BUDD

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INSPIRED by Herman Melville's novel, and with a libretto by E.M. Forster and Eric Crozier, Benjamin Britten's *Billy Budd* is the grandest of grand opera, the story of a man persecuted to the point where he becomes a murderer — but so much more than that.

The opera will be performed in the original four-act version created for the Royal Opera in 1951 and not heard at Covent Garden *since that season. Rodney* Gilfry sings the part of Billy, Graham Clark plays Captain Vere and John Tomlinson takes the part of John Claggart. It is directed by Francesca Zambello, adapting her critically praised Geneva production of last spring.

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Michael Crick considers Archer to be "an amiable rogue" and speculates that, in spite of his eclipse since the Anglia share scandal, "he still has 20 years or more" to leave his mark. This is not a hatchet-job; Crick gives Archer the benefit of a great many doubts. Yet the evidence presented here suggests that even this political Houdini may finally have run out of tricks. Few, if any, active politicians can have had their lives so thoroughly scrutinised. But for the Anglia affair, many of Archer's friends would not, Crick says, have agreed to be interviewed.

Archer's origins were not auspicious. His parents' marriage may have been bigamous; there were two illegitimate half-brothers; his father died when he was 15. Archer himself clawed his way up from minor public school via a disastrous spell at Sandhurst, a murky period in California, another failure at the Metropolitan Police, and posts as a PE teacher, to a career at Oxford as a blue and a student politician, while marrying the most glamorous girl in town en route. It was at Oxford, where he was only on a one-year teacher-training course, that he acquired his knack for enlisting the help of the famous and the powerful, having bounced the Beatles into supporting an Oxfam appeal.

After Oxford, Archer became an art dealer and an all-purpose impresario, but he was already wildly overconfident about money matters, and so made numerous enemies. The more gentlemanly business code which operated in the 1960s favoured young men on the make, however, and the rollercoaster of Archer's career took him into the House of Commons at the age of 29.

After his subsequent resignation, having nearly gone bankrupt over the Aquablast affair, Archer showed his mettle by forging two new careers as a writer and, with Mrs Thatcher's patronage, as a politician. Crick is excellent on the intensive editing and rewriting process which an Archer novel undergoes before it sees the light, but he also suggests that Archer has had the best of the bargain: HarperCollins, he claims, has yet to recoup $26 million of the $30 million it paid for three books in 1990. Even more amazing was Archer's victory in the most sensational libel trial since Oscar Wilde's. To call him "the most colourful character in British public life" is only a slight exaggeration. He certainly makes the best journalists' copy.

He seems to have inherited his dynamism from his mother Lola, whose own ambitions, both as a writer and as a politician, young Jeffrey took over. One is struck by the similarities in background between Archer and his friend John Major; the two evidently recognised that they could be useful to each other long before Mrs Thatcher's fall, with Major even offering Archer financial advice — as Crick says, not the usual function of a serving Chancellor of the Exchequer. Archer's peerage, and Major's continuing loyalty, are his reward for real services to two prime ministers, over which Crick inevitably skates lightly.

Archer is a doer: he has done much for his reading public, his charities and his party, even more for his friends. Most of all, however, he has done for himself — in every sense of the phrase. Archer can blame nobody else for his self-destructive overconfidence, least of all journalists like Crick who remind him of it.

Why good taste has a dubious pedigree

Peter Mandler

THE TYRANNY OF TASTE
The Politics of Architecture and Design in Britain 1550-1960
By Jules Lubbock
Yale, £35

Caveat emptor. Despite its ambitious subtitle, this book does not attempt to survey the politics of architecture and design over 400 years, but contents itself with a miscellaneous selection of *ideas* about architecture congenial to the author. Nor, despite its censorious title, is it a polemic against taste; on the contrary, for all but the final few of the 400 years, taste is the hero of the story.

In the loose and shapeless form in which taste is presented here, it would be difficult not to admire it. Taste — or "good design" — means to the author the attachment of practically any social, moral or aesthetic values to the production and consumption of goods. The only attitude that seems to lie outside of taste is an absolutist view of all production and consumption as good in themselves, a view which Lubbock pins on a few damned souls like the 17th-century property developer Nicholas Barbon, the 18th-century polemicist Bernard de Mandeville and (with reservations) Adam Smith. Nevertheless, Lubbock claims taste as a distinctively British tradition which no one has yet properly understood but of which we should be proud.

It all began with Lord Burghley, Elizabeth I's chief minister. He and his successors built their great rural palaces not in order to show off their riches, but to provide employment, raise the aesthetic standards of the community, and ensure that these benefits were not confined to London. (The same seems to apply to those landowners who razed entire villages to clear landscape parks for their country houses.) Neither are the squares of London's West End symbols of private opulence, but rather of the nobility of the "Burghleyan system", its concern for open spaces and public footpaths.

You would think that this "Burghleyan system" — even if it existed in the form the author imagines in the 17th century — would break down in the 18th century, the period *par excellence* of the free commercial spirit. Not a bit of it. As soon as Burghleyan taste is threatened with marginalisation, Lubbock annexes new forms. Addison's efforts in *The Spectator* to define taste outside of State control and as an adjunct to free commerce become the new core of taste. In these 18th-century sections Lubbock makes some fine and useful distinctions, but then they get melted back together in the name of his continuous tradition. Hogarth and Burlington — sworn enemies in their own time — enter the academy of Taste together; so, too, does David Hume. Even Adam Smith is commended for considering beauty as a component of commercial progress, but in the end has regretfully to be shown the door.

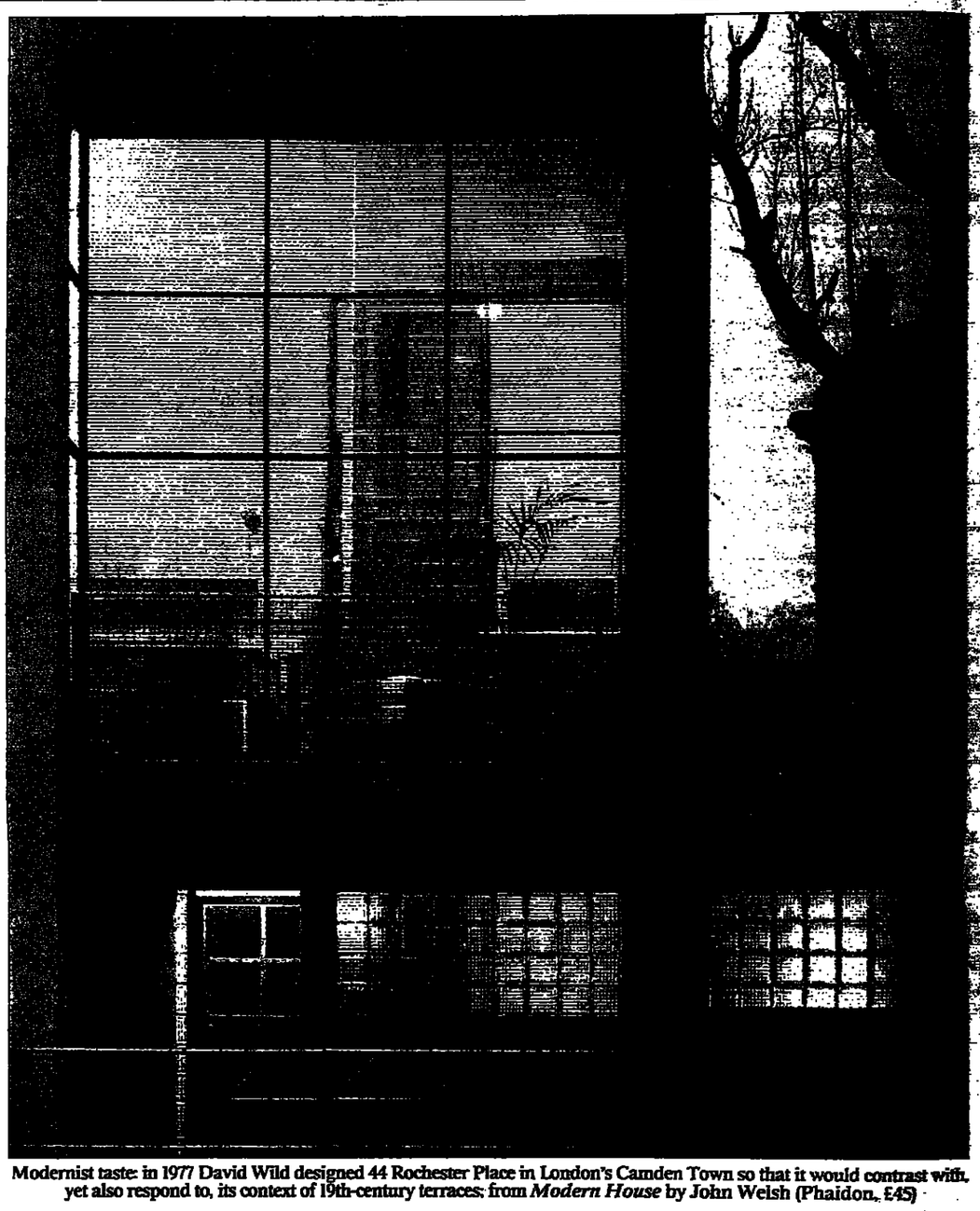
By this means Lubbock can take us as far as the 1830s and only then find that the "Burghleyan system" was fragmenting. "The Industrial Revolution was a terrible failure," he complains (shades of *1066 And All That*). Fortunately, a new wave of taste was in the offing. Once again, polar opposites can sit together so long as they have some moral or aesthetic position to advocate beyond sheer consumerism. The design reformer Henry Cole (of the Great Exhibition and the Victoria & Albert Musuem) is seen as the heir of Burghley and *The Spectator*, but so are those who defended prevailing standards of design determined by the market; both Cole's pronunciamentos on good design and Dickens's famous denunciation of them in *Hard Times* are "in the tradition of Addison".

After (more sensibly) roping in Ruskin, Lubbock then o'erleaps the Queen Anne and Arts and Crafts movements and lands in the 1930s. Thus we arrive at the most curious twist in this very curious book. Modernists, who throughout the book have been referred to obliquely as the 20th-century revivalists of the "Burghleyan system", instead come in for a drubbing. Only with the Modern Movement does taste's hitherto beneficent and highly catholic function in curbing runaway consumerism collapse into tyranny. Modernists are viewed as a mere "coterie", whereas all their tasteful predecessors represented something more elevated and more meaningful in national life. Modernists' ideas of town planning somehow marked a "major break" with a tradition that had remained unbroken since Stuart times. Outrageously selective quotation portrays even the mildest Modernists as raving totalitarians.

Worst of all, the Modernists were equipped by the welfare State with awesome powers. Here Lubbock's simple-minded view of politics comes in handy. Just as the early Stuarts were seen to have magic powers to control the shape of London for good, so Modernists can be blamed for London gone bad. Poor W.G. Holford, whose plans for Piccadilly Circus and St Paul's were in reality crushed by the competing demands of local authorities and developers, is here credited with successfully imposing on London his evil fascination for high-rise slabs.

The sorry tale of Modernism has the effect of sobering Lubbock up. By the end of the book he is much less boosterish about "the British tradition" than he was in his opening chapters. He is no more friendly to the untrammelled marketplace, but he sees now the danger of confiding such great power to Plato's "wise minority".

Still, he feels that the British tradition "can surely be of service to humankind". For reasons of space, he declines to tell us how. This is perhaps the greatest disappointment of the book. Its highly idiosyncratic history is clearly motored by powerful feelings about architecture and design today. Surely the author should have let those feelings rip, rather than spend 15 years, 400 pages, and (he tells us) £250,000 in providing them with a dubious pedigree.



Modernist taste: in 1977 David Wild designed 44 Rochester Place in London's Camden Town so that it would contrast with, yet also respond to, its context of 19th-century terraces; from *Modern House* by John Welsh (Phaidon, £45)

Embodiments of the humane mind

Adam Zeman

DESCARTES' ERROR
Emotion, Reason and the Human Brain
By Antonio Damasio
Picador, £16.99

In the late summer of 1848 a highly efficient and capable worker on the Vermont railroad, Phineas Gage, survived an astounding injury. The premature detonation of some explosive powder propelled an iron rod into his left cheek from below. It traversed the front of his brain, landing a hundred feet off. To the amazement of his workmates he was able to speak within minutes.

With the help of the physician who later described his case, Dr John Harlow, Gage appeared to make a remarkable recovery. But to those who had known him before the accident it was clear that it had unhinged the equilibrium "between his intellectual faculty and animal propensities". Previously shrewd, industrious and trustworthy, Gage became foul-mouthed, impetuous and obstinate. Virtually unemployable, he was for a while exhibited as a circus attraction, dying in a seizure 13 years after the accident.

Gage had lost "something uniquely human, the ability to plan his future as a social being". Antonio Damasio is a distinguished American neurologist who has taken a special interest in individuals like Gage who have suffered selective damage to the frontal lobes of their brains.



Study of a brain dissection by Andreas Vesalius, 1543, reproduced in *The Body Emblazoned* by Jonathan Sawday (Routledge, £35)

Their performance on standard IQ tests may be faultless, but it is beyond their powers to chart a steady course through the social and professional shoals of life. Damasio argues that their repeated shipwrecks are the result of a disconnection between reason and emotion, between those parts of the cerebral cortex which confer our abstract intellectual powers and the more ancient brain structures which govern human feeling.

The frontal cortex — the frontal part of the convoluted outer mantle of the brain — is well equipped to serve the role Damasio proposes. Contemporary neuroscience has emphasised the independence of numerous parallel streams of activity in the brain.

One of the few areas which is privy to the bulk of this activity,the frontal cortex receives information widely from both sensory regions and areas concerned with more visceral matters, appetites and aversions. It appears to combine these streams to categorise events in the light of their personal significance, and it occupies a commanding anatomical position from which to influence the brain's reponses.

Damasio, like William James, emphasises the role of "bodily symptoms" in our emotions. Our feelings unfold as the body responds to the brain's appraisal of events, and the response is itself incorporated into feeling. He absorbingly outlines the evidence for the interruption of this dialogue between reason and feeling in his patients. Its absence results in an impoverishment of emotional response which may be subtle, but is personally disastrous.

There has been a cascade of recent books insisting on the embodiment of mind, and thus denying the "error" of Cartesian dualism. Damasio's is an idiosyncratic and engaging addition to the stream. I enjoyed it most where its focus is sharpest, on the predicament of his patients and its complex explanation. He generally resists the temptation to resort to purple prose, and allows his patients to remind us how badly reason and emotion need each other.

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ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITIONS
Volume I: 1792-1947
Volume II: 1947-93
By Cees de Jong and Erik Mattie
Benedikt Taschen, £49.99

THIS fascinating study illustrates 48 of the most controversial and hotly contested architectural competitions held over the last two centuries. It begins with the White House in Washington and ranges across the Paris, Vienna and Sydney opera houses, the Eiffel Tower, the Houses of Parliament, the new capitals of Canberra and Brasilia and the Kansai Airport at Osaka.

The might-have-beens are often as evocative as the masterpieces actually built. Among these are Zaha Hadid's project for the Peak in Hong Kong, which brought her world fame overnight in 1992 but was abandoned; now she is threatened with the same fate in the Cardiff Opera House competition.

Similarly the megalomaniac Palace of the Soviets and People's Commissariat of Heavy Industry, designed for Moscow in the 1930s, both lapsed with the outbreak of war. The latter was a castle to rival the Kremlin, surmounted by four vast towers thrusting into the sky like rockets on a launchpad.

Among the most intriguing buildings are those that look backwards rather than forwards. Stockholm's extraordinary town hall of the 1920s, modelled on 16th and 17th century Swedish architecture, seems in many ways straight out of Hollywood. Similarly, the Gothic and Classical designs for the Chicago Tribune Tower of 1922 are much more striking than the forward-looking entries by European architects which prefigure the sleek, unornamented skyscrapers of postwar years.

The book is all the more relevant today now that competitions are an essential feature of all major public works in the European Union as well as many National Lottery projects. Though the tendency is towards invited competitions in which already famous or ascendant talents compete, the true competition is an open one, allowing unknown architects to put forward daring schemes that will capture the imagination of both judges and the public. How different might have been the careers of Sir Richard Rogers and Renzo Piano had they not won the Pompidou Centre competition in 1970.

But open competitions are most prone to go wrong, especially when the client does not like the jury's choice. Juries, however distinguished, are fallible, like the jury for the Bastille Opera which was convinced — wrongly — that it had chosen a design by the acclaimed American architect Richard Meier.

The basis of a competition must be a well-considered brief, where the clients have been talked at length through their needs. The clients must also be involved in the selection process, so as to be completely committed to the winner by the end, and willing to champion the winner in any controversy that arises.

Among the less familiar buildings in this book, one that stands out powerfully is the Supreme Court in Tokyo, won in competition in 1969 by Shin-Ichi Okada. The jury had required a building that exuded an aura of dignity. Okada produced a design as inspiringly monumental as the great visionary designs of the French Revolutionary age — proclaiming in every massive stone that while justice may be severe it will be fair.

This lavish book is a serious addition to any architectural bookshelf which will resolve and enliven any number of dinner-table disputes about the world's great landmarks.

A philosopher who thinks art matters

Roger Scruton

VALUES OF ART
By Malcolm Budd
Penguin, £20

Aesthetics is a neglected branch of philosophy, though not because few people write about it. On the contrary, more drivel is produced in aesthetics than in any other area of the subject. Aesthetics is not neglected by philosophers, but only by good philosophers, who for a variety of reasons have gravitated to a few narrow fields judged to be "central". This neglect of aesthetics has led to a catastrophic shrivelling of the philosophical quest — a retreat from those experiences that are most charged with the mystery of our condition into a world of donnish trivia.

It is not only students of aesthetics, therefore, who should welcome Malcolm Budd's recent ventures into the subject. Budd is a first-rate thinker, whose work on Wittgenstein has been deservedly influential. He brings to aesthetics formidable gifts of precision, far-sightedness and argument, together with a wide philosophical knowledge and a sincere belief in the importance of art.

Moreover, his acquaintance with art does not come from the posturing "art world" and is entirely untouched by fashion. His moral seriousness recalls the Cambridge of his youth; and while Eliot, Leavis and Cleanth Brooks have profoundly influenced his thinking, there is not a trace to be found in him of Barthes or Greenberg, of Foucault, Derrida or De Man. Some would regard this as a weakness: further proof, if we needed it, of the cultural isolation of academic philosophy. In fact, when it comes to the *real* questions about the meaning and value of art, the post-modernist culture has nothing to say; Budd's interest in these real questions absolves him from the need to discuss the prevailing chatter.

Values of Art begins in familiar territory, arguing that the value of art is not instrumental but intrinsic — which means, according to Budd, that the *experience* of a work of art is intrinsically worthwhile. Artistic value is a "sentiment-dependent" property, and, in a complex discussion of Kant, Budd tries to reconcile this with the "inter-subjective" nature of aesthetic judgement.

After this brief attempt at a general theory of aesthetic value, Budd turns his attention to three separate arts: painting, poetry and music. The chapter on painting is the least interesting since its thesis — that our interest in a figurative painting is quite different from our interest in the scene depicted — is scarcely new. Far more important is the chapter on poetry in which Budd makes an illuminating connection between T.S. Eliot's problem concerning the poet's beliefs (can we value a poem and despise the beliefs expressed by it?) and the unsolved paradox of tragedy (can we take pleasure in that which distresses us?).

The best chapter is the last, on music: a clear and careful defence of the view that music's expressive power is a major source of its value. Budd advances a sophisticated version of a theory once encapsulated by Caroll Pratt in an aphorism: music *sounds* as emotions *feel*. There is much in the argument with which one can disagree. For instance, Budd assumes that the expressive character of a piece of music has no necessary connection with the musical "argument". Nevertheless, the care with which Budd's argument is expounded, and the honest confrontation of objections, make this chapter into a major statement, and one which raises musical aesthetics to a new level of sophistication.

Values of Art is not an easy book. Budd's analytical method leads to a cagey and involuted style. Nor will the ordinary reader be pleased by "she" as an impersonal pronoun. But if these faults bother this reader, they will not bother his philosophical colleagues, most of whom write far more clumsily than Budd, and all of whom would learn much from his subtle argument.

A passionate pilgrimage

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Raleigh taking Trinidad in 1595; to the south lay the Guiana coast and the Orinoco, whose delta he traversed in search of the fabulous golden city of Elizabethan dreams

Peter Ackroyd on a haunting recreation of Sir Walter Raleigh's fruitless search for El Dorado, the lost Utopia — or Dystopia

The first "entrada" occurred 400years ago, in June 1595, when Walter Raleigh sailed towards "El Dorado"; in this narrative Charles Nicholl retraces his path. Nicholl has *re-entered the past before — in The Reckoning* he recreated with great imaginative fervour the vicissitudes of Christopher Marlowe's short life. Here he moves out of London into the jungles of Venezuela where he finds another "landscape in parts unchanged *from what those early travellers saw*".

Raleigh believed El Dorado to lie beside a great lake in Guiana, but of course its true location was to be found upon the map of Elizabethan fantasies. But if it took the shape of the 16th-century imagination, *it also takes that of our own;* in this perceptive account Nicholl manages to explore all the historiographical and meta-chronological obsessions of the late 20th century.

Nicholl traces Raleigh's map and finds that the spot he marked, as the destination for his quest, *is now to be found* "on top of Auyan Tepuy, otherwise known as Devil Mountain". So, when Nicholl follows the trail of his predecessor, when in a sense he *becomes* Raleigh, what will he discover? Both of them had to travel along the Orinoco *where*, according to one Spanish explorer, "there is nothing on the river except despair".

El Dorado has always been a fateful and haunted place — it is Utopia, *or Dystopia*, somewhere out of this world. The delta and jungles of the region have always been a place of inverse rule, where the sequestered solitude could drive men mad. The heat was *supposed to dry the blood of* Englishmen, so that they became the withered emblems of their own ambition.

Raleigh was nothing if not ambitious. He left England in poverty and disgrace, and Nicholl gives an excellent account of his obsession for *glory when*, in his wife's words, he sailed "forward towards *the sunset*". His adventure, or pilgrimage, was the only means by which he could re-order and reclaim his life. He took with him an alchemists as well as soldiers and sailors", and *had determined in his own* words to make "trial of all" in search of the golden city.

Nicholl's decision to follow his trail may seem a little contrived (he takes a television crew) but at its best this matching of narratives manages more accurately than any conventional history to revive the actual nature of Raleigh's expedition. Within the account of the 20th-century journey, placed beside the *historical description of the* earlier, it is possible to retrieve some joint memory of the creeks, the swamps, the vultures and the flourishing ibis as they existed then and as they have continued without interruption ever since.

The Creature in the Map represents more than the revival of one especial location. It is also concerned with that fascination with place which plays so large a part in such recent books as Simon Schama's *Landscape and Memory* and Raphael Samuel's *Theatres of* [illegible] writers are *preoccupied with the notion of* territory as an historical force; it seems that we all live upon haunted ground. So it is that, while many academic writers are moving further and further into theory, it has been left for others to give learning a local habitation and a name.

Yet each generation makes up its own myth. Raleigh's own account of his voyage, in *Discoverie of Guiana*, is almost a pastoral exercise; the *representative of the Virgin* Queen meets the noble savage, and in his carefully composed narrative there is no lewdness and little violence. He never found his golden city, but Raleigh managed to conceal or sublimate his disappointment by continuing the metaphors of virginity and wildness. He never intended to be a despoiler, and so the dream remained intact.

THE CREATURE IN THE MAP
A Journey to El Dorado
By Charles Nicholl
Jonathan Cape, £18.99

But Nicholl and his team go on beyond Raleigh, and pass "the furthest point of his entrada" into that region where El Dorado might still be found. They fly *in a twin-engine Cessna over* the territory and discover to their surprise that the legend does indeed continue. Nicholl is told the story of an aviator, aptly named Jimmy Angel, who in the 1920s discovered a "river of gold" in the same area as Raleigh's projection of El Dorado. It is appropriate that Conan Doyle should have used this place as the setting for his *Lost World*. In turn Nicholl encounters *hermits and exiles who have* settled there and who seem to be adrift in some dream or fantasy from which they can never escape.

One of these jungle exiles, a Latvian named Alexander Laime, claims that the area which Raleigh traversed was *a primeval "solar observatory"*. He has also seen pleiosaurs by a pool near the summit of Devil Mountain. The "creature" in Raleigh's map, after which this book is named, can then be seen to be more than a curiously drawn lake with its tributaries: it *becomes* "a projection, a figment, a kind of haunting" which represents all those fears and dreams which lie at the other side of the known world of consciousness.

There is in fact a real El *Dorado; it is a "small mining* town" established during the gold rush of the last century. It is just a small South American settlement where nothing ever happens. Raleigh, like Nicholl, returned disappointed. "From *this* desolate place," he wrote on his arrival in England, "I have little matter, from myself less hope . . ." He came back with *tobacco and, perhaps, a healing* elixir. Some poetry was written to celebrate his presumed exploits, in which the native is seen variously as the ferocious savage or the simple Arcadian. But Raleigh also *helped to reinforce another* image since, as Nicholl points out, El Dorado originally meant "the golden man".

This leads him towards some interesting speculation on the underlying nature of *Raleigh's interest*. He points out Raleigh's connection with *the magical beliefs of Doctor* Dee — the first exponent of the "British Empire" — and suggests that the explorer's quest for El Dorado was similar in spirit to that of the alchemist's search for gold. Both ventures *are a quest for some kind of* primeval wholeness, or holiness, and both require the ritual slaying of various monsters en route. In fact Nicholl provides a great and perhaps timely insight into the culture and vocabulary of the Elizabethans, where alchemical, spiritual and political beliefs are strangely mingled.

But, on the Orinoco, there was nothing for Raleigh but "despair". He died, on the block, two decades later. Nicholl has continued his quest into our own time, and in the process discovered the *origins of an enduring myth.*

The culture of the big house

Melanie McDonagh

ANGLO-IRISH
The Literary Imagination in a Hyphenated Culture
By Julian Moynihan
Princeton, £19.95

WALLED GARDENS
Scenes from an Anglo-Irish Childhood
By Annabel Goff
Eland Press, £8.99 pbk

We all know the tone, or rather the smell, of an Anglo-Irish novel, the whiff of decaying gentry and stables. But for all that has been written on this group, defining them is the very devil. Julian Moynihan's thoughtful book makes a good shot at what made their literature unique: "Anglo-Irish is *the writing produced by that* ascendant minority in Ireland, largely but not entirely English in point of origin, that tended to be Protestant and overwhelmingly loyal to the English crown."

It is possible to quibble with this definition. I would have thought that the Anglo-Irish were altogether Protestant — and, indeed, instinctively anti-Catholic — *with a single* exception: George Moore. As for being largely English, that seems to be a formula designed to bring William Carleton into the scope of the book: an apostate who was born and reared as an Irish Catholic and bequeathed us the most remarkable portrait of pre-Famine Irish society. *But it does bring within its* scope well-loved and recognisably Anglo-Irish figures: Maria Edgeworth, Somerville and Ross and Elizabeth Bowen, though it excludes, remarkably, the great ballad maker, Tom Moore.

For ease of categorisation, *Moynihan starts with the Act* of Union in 1800, which effectively excludes those Irish writers who have been appropriated by a British public who saw them as too good not to be English: Sheridan, Swift, Berkeley. *But there is another* reason why they don't count. Theirs, according to the author, "was not an Irish literature, at least not Irish enough." How so? Their subject matter was not exclusively Irish, but does this neuter their nationality? There is more to Irishness, even Anglo-Irishness, than subject matter. There was also the facility with words that came from *intimate contact with an English* that was cross-fertilised with the Irish tongue. That vitality is fast disappearing now.

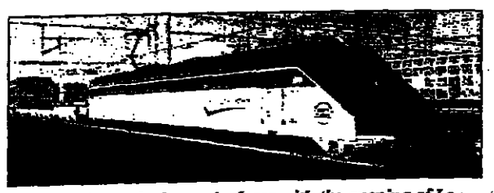
To insist on insularity is to diminish the contribution of the Protestant Irish to literature: Yeats insisted "we are the people of Burke, we are the people of Grattan; we are the people of Swift, the people of Emmet; the people of Parnell." Of these, *Burke acted on* a larger stage than Ireland; Robert Emmet was one of the distinguished Protestant rebels against English rule; while Parnell was an Irish nationalist who forged a Home Rule movement far more effectively than Daniel O'Connell.

The most striking thing *about the fate of the Anglo-*Irish was the gentleness of their decline. Indeed, in post-Independence Ireland they were probably the most pampered minority in Europe. A charming, autobiographical book by Annabel Goff, *Walled Gardens*, describes their *changing place:* "*These* people, the Anglo-Irish Protestant upper class, were not displaced. The opposite really: they remained the same but everything around them changed". As epitaphs go, her book *is the most pleasing they* could wish for.



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Last of the old Irishry

Aisling Foster

THE DEAD SCHOOL
By Patrick McCabe
Picador, £14.99

JAMES Joyce has described Ireland as an old sow which eats her own farrow. In post-revolutionary times, Patrick McCabe's mother country is *a far more greedy beast, consuming* the souls of her citizens as well as their heads and hearts. Any refusal to comply is not to be tolerated. In his last novel, *The Butcher Boy*, a disturbed child is driven wild by a small and smugly indifferent community. *The Dead School continues* those themes of conformity and madness, this time focusing on the schoolteachers whose task it is to tutor the children of the nation into the narrow ideals of church and state.

Raphael Bell is a product of De Valera's *rural dream. The son of a* patriot, he is educated into a life of grim discipline and righteous self-sacrifice. He does not question the contradictory messages of the curriculum and for over 40 years has happily beaten "the nine counties of *Ulster" and stories of romantic* bravery into successive generations. As headmaster of a Dublin primary school, he continues to promote simple country values of hard work and unquestioning obedience.

But, close to retirement in 1975, he is finding it difficult to ignore the changes outside the gates. New voices in the media sneer at the narrowness of his vision; images of comely maidens dancing at crossroads have been replaced by trunk roads and discos; and the freethinking moralities of the outside world have breezed into his school in the shapes of a feminist governor, rude *children and demanding parents.* Worse, his new recruit, Malachy Dudgeon, shows less dedication to the job of moulding boy's minds that to the mindblowing pleasures of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll.

Things begin to fall apart as a new generation of parents insist on a school trip to Waterworld instead of the *usual pilgrimage to historic* Kilmainham Jail. The lunatics are taking over the asylum, the pigs are loose in the yard, the centre cannot hold. But even for young Dudgeon, such freedom appears useless. After *his own repressive schooling and the* suffocation of small town family life he is in no fit state to enter the real world. Indeed, if Bell and Dudgeon represent Irish people old and young, then the Republic's inmates have been institutionalised too long; they *cannot distinguish the dream from* reality and are incapable of looking after themselves.

Such a view could be depressing and sometimes is. But it is also exhilarating. Reading the distilled gouts of consciousness which pour *from the minds of these characters* is like being trapped on a big dipper with two articulate maniacs. Lurching from horror to hilarity, their voices madden and entertain with stories as subjective and unreliable as any eye witness's. Dates for cultural *milestones such as clubs, drugs* or the Irish Family Planning clinics are sometimes out of kilter. But scenes like the confrontation in the staffroom the day Malachy drank from an old teacher's special cup are horribly funny and true to their time. And vicious as they were, such characters may also leave a lingering *regret for the passing of so many old* native breeds.

Epistles to the absent

Erica Wagner

A YEAR OF OUR LIVES
By John MacKenna
Picador, £9.99

JOHN MacKenna *is keenly aware* that there is no single perception of reality. His first prizewinning volume, *The Fallen and Other Stories*, was linked by three tales, each called *Absent Children*, each offering a different perspective on the death of a *child killed in a road accident. One* man's tragedy is another's free bicycle. It all depends on what you know and how much you see.

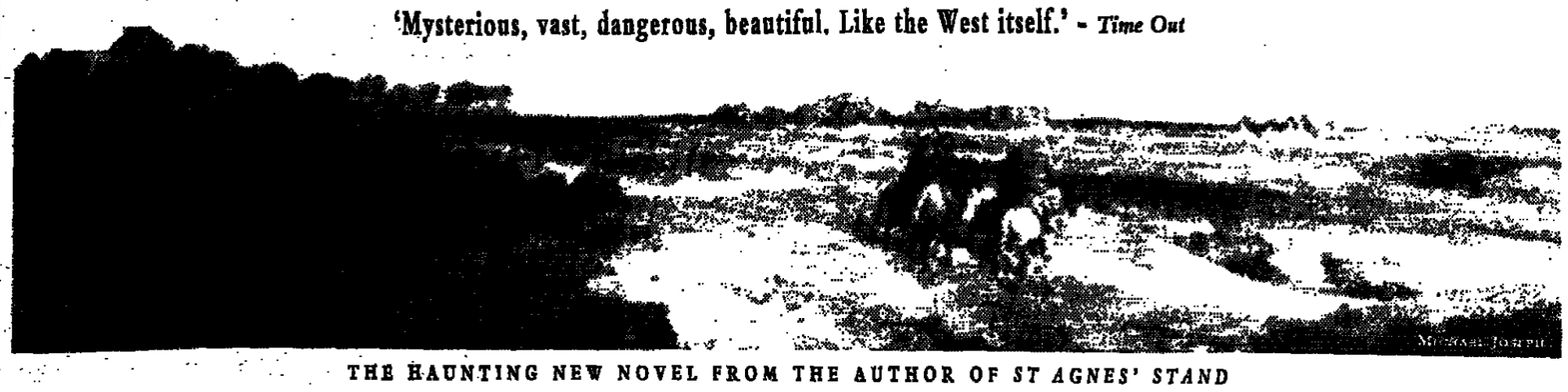
While set once again in his native Kildare, *A Year of Our Lives* is a harsher, bleaker landscape than any *he has shown us before, one where* "I love you" is "that most unsatisfactory of phrases" and "the past was in a heaven locked and barred". Here too there is an *Absent Child*, the final tale, less a story than a delicate evocation of the pain inherent in being the one who lives on.

The book is punctuated, too, with four "Epistles", each written on a train by a priest whose vocation has been endangered by love. Love of a man, love of a woman, unspoken love, love rejected. Four lives, perhaps, or one life and four possibilities — glances down the road not taken. Together they blend like watercolour washes, MacKenna's precise language showing the elusive trace of passion "like a faded paper transfer on the back of a child's hand".

There are, however, times in this collection when the writer's fascination with absence and the things that might have been do not serve him well. The title story tells the tale of the break-up of a marriage, but brings us so close to the characters that sometimes it is hard to know what is going on. Perhaps MacKenna wants us not to understand but only to feel "the bruises on an uncertain heart". But it is hard not to wonder what is happening just out of our hearing, and frustrating, too.

Stories like this, lifted though they are by prose as lovely and as clear as blown glass, make me wish for *MacKenna's next novel, where he* will have the time to tell us more, to let us look from all sides at his world of regret, of love and longing.

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THE HAUNTING NEW NOVEL FROM THE AUTHOR OF *ST AGNES' STAND*

Quite a day at the races

THE opportunity to enjoy Royal Ascot in style later this month is being offered by the Four Seasons Hotel in London. For £1,750 for two, the hotel is offering four nights accommodation, rental of a morning suit from Austin Reed, a limousine transfer to and from Ascot, tickets and a picnic hamper. Details: 0171 499 0888.

☐ COGNAC at £155 a glass, champagne at £250 a bottle and picnics costing £60 a head are being offered by about 20 UK hotels as part of a "no guilty conscience" campaign. The hotels are members of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World Consortium. SLH director Brian Mills says the aim is to challenge the 1990s mood that conspicuous consumption is wrong. Details: 01372 361873.

THE Lygon Arms in Broadway, Worcestershire, has a one-night Shakespearean package costing £280 per couple for accommodation at the hotel, transfer and tickets to Stratford-upon-Avon to watch the Royal Shakespeare Company and a candle-lit supper on return. Details: 013386 852255.

FANS of the television show *Gladiators* can combine a weekend break at any one of seven Birmingham area hotels in the Embassy Leisure Breaks programme, with a ticket to see the contest being recorded at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham. Embassy, part of Jarvis Hotels, has 7,000 tickets for the show and some boardgames to give away. Prices start at £30.50 per adult, with £10 extra for children sharing the same room. Dates are from August 12 until September 2. Details: 0345 581811.

QUEENS Moat Houses is today relaunching its frequent guest scheme for business travellers. Called *Crown Collection*, this rewards regular guests with vouchers which can be redeemed for weekend breaks at any one of 87 Moat House and County Hotels, as well as giving discounts on meals. Information and brochure: 0645 913914.

COMBINED theatre, sport or concert tickets and overnight accommodation are now being offered by a London discount hotels service. London Hotels Discounted Reservations books customers into available hotels according to category, from budget to four-star, rather than by name and offers lower prices based on late availability. Tickets are provided by the Ticketmaster booking agency. Prices start at £42 per person for accommodation, dinner at a Café Rouge restaurant and tickets for a West End show. Details: 0171 4545000.

THE independent business travel agent Gray Dawes has just published its latest 420-page directory listing 1,385 hotels worldwide for which it can obtain special rates — up to 51 per cent off rack rates. Copies from: 0171 734 8687.

EXETER'S Royal Clarence Hotel is linking up with the Exeter Festival next month to provide weekend breaks combined with tickets for festival events. Events for the three-night weekend starting on June 30 including a cathedral concert by the London Mozart Players, a music hall evening and a murder mystery dinner. *Cost is £175 per person.* Details: 01392 319955.

DAVID CHURCHILL

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THE Peninsula Hotels group is offering special summer rates at its hotels in Hong Kong, Manilla and Beijing, including a 20 per cent discount on suites. Details: 0800 181123.

A Tate exhibition throws light on the European travels of a great landscape painter, writes **Harvey Elliott**

Tourism where Turner trod

GERMAN tourist authorities are hoping for an influx of British travellers following in the footsteps of Turner, after the opening of an exhibition of his German paintings at the Tate Gallery in London.

Turner made a number of tours through Germany between 1817 and 1844, during which he completed hundreds of paintings and drawings. These have been brought together and catalogued by a freelance historian, Cecilia Powell, and 150 of them are being shown free at the Tate until September 10.

The painter's tours took in every corner of Germany from the Baltic to the Alps, including Munich, Heidelberg, Hamburg, Berlin, Dresden, the Danube and the Elbe. Like many British academics he became fascinated by Germany in 1815 when Waterloo ended the Napoleonic wars. *Britain and Germany were never closer, united in trying to prevent European domination by France.* Until 1837 the King of England was also King of Hanover.

Turner was unusually systematic in his German travels, since he was working on his monumental *Rivers of Europe*. Even when that was completed he continued obsessively to document the upper Rhine and other important central European rivers. Consequently, rivers and lakes bulk large in this show.

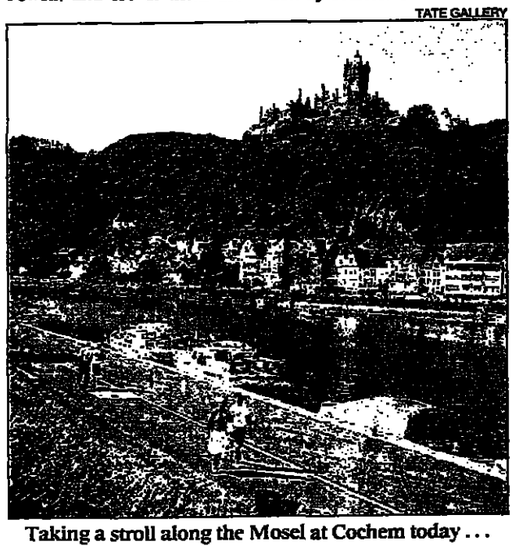
The Tate has produced a 255-page catalogue for the exhibition, costing £25, which also contains maps showing the many routes taken by Turner during his tours.

Flights to Cologne start from around £90 return and a German rail pass costs £54 per person for five days or £85 for two people. The railway passes through many of the towns and villages recorded by Turner and there is a plethora of bed and breakfast accommodation available from about £25 a night for a room. Details from the German Travel Centre 0181-429-2900.

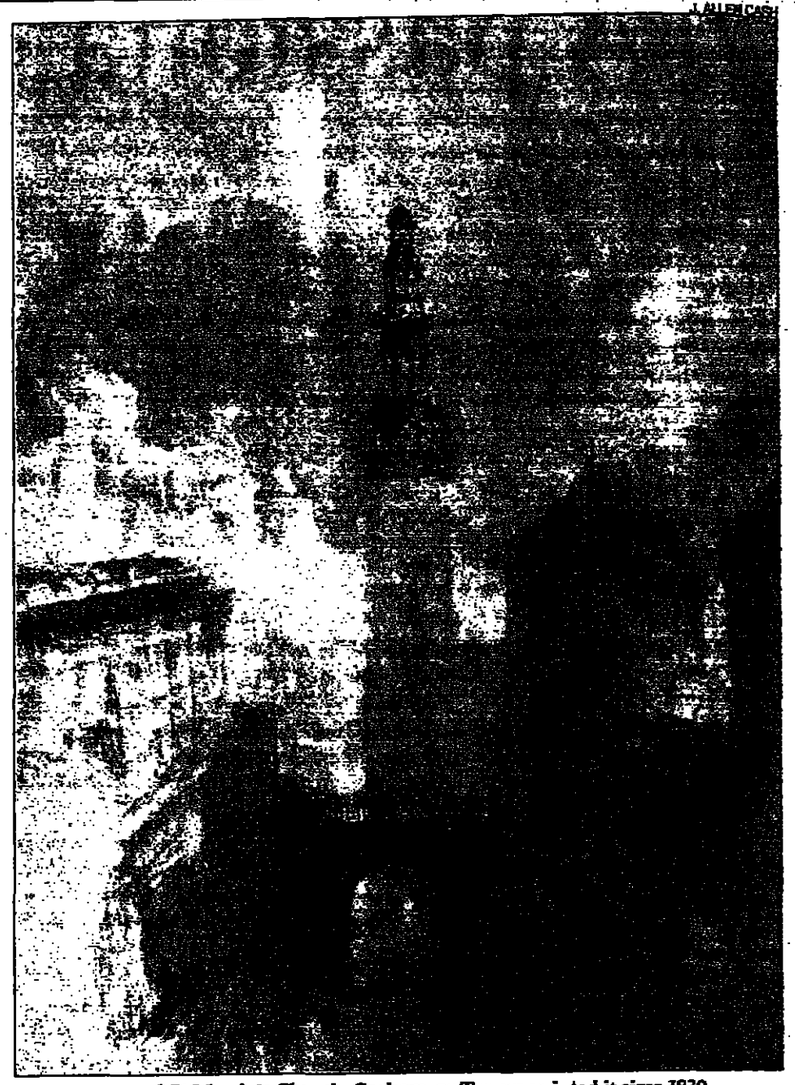
Alternatively, organised tours are run by travel companies specialising in the arts, including Martin Randall Travel (0181-742-3355).

A typical baroque and rococo tour in September, including flights to Stuttgart and eight days in southern Germany costs £1,080 and an eight-day Rhineland tour in June costs £980.

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When the world's at your feet, take cover

TRAVEL insurance companies are targeting long-term travellers who often forfeit insurance cover and take the risk of holidaying without any to save money.

Unlike package tourists, who usually expect insurance to be incorporated into their holiday deal, Inter-Railers and backpackers, many of whom have planned their own trips on a shoestring budget, can regard insurance as an expensive luxury rather than a necessity.

This year travel insurance specialists are hoping that the introduction of tailor-made packages will put essential cover within most travellers' means.

Club Direct, a travel insurance specialist, has launched its Club Choice insurance deal this month. The policies work rather like building bricks, with the wanderlusting client able to choose which sections to adopt.

Cover for a month in Europe, including cancellation, personal accident and medical treatment, costs from £15 per person, with special rates for longer stays. Those travelling for six months pay £54, rising to £108 for a year. For those planning shorter trips, rates start at £10.25 for 17 days in Europe, rising to £24.50 worldwide.

Baggage insurance, which will cover up to £500 worth of trusty rucksack contents, starts from an additional £3 a month, with cover for £200 money costing £2.50 per month. Mike Escott, Club Direct's managing director, said: "Continental and round-the-world travellers are particularly vulnerable to theft. If you aren't insured, you could find yourself in serious financial difficulty."

Columbus Insurance Services also has specific policies for long-stay travellers. For £16 a month, travellers can get medical cover worldwide, providing they spend no longer than 23 days in America, where medical costs rise. The service gives personal liability and 24-hour emergency medical cover, including the option of an air ambulance for cases of serious injury. The equivalent fully worldwide package, allowing unlimited travel in North America and Canada, costs £21 a month.

European wanderers can get equivalent medical cover for £12 a month. "A lot of people think that because of European agreements they don't need to get medical cover in Europe, but it's well worth it because of bureaucratic practicalities," said Brian Warburton, a director of Columbus.

Again, holidaymakers can add baggage, cancellation and curtailment cover, which brings the cost for European cover to £21 a month, and fully worldwide to £36 per month.

"I think people are now much more canny and accept that adding another £200 or so on to the cost of your year abroad or few months away is a fine investment if you consider what the cover provides," Mr Warburton added.

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Before you fly off to the sun there are questions you should ask about the aircraft you will be travelling in, **Harvey Elliott** writes

Air charter clouds in summer skies

British holidaymakers could unwittingly be flying to the sun this summer on ancient aeroplanes sold years before by British airlines but now back in new colours with foreign crews at the controls.

British charter airlines have invested fortunes in improving their service over the past few years and as a result have created the most modern non-scheduled airline fleet in the world. Their aircraft, on average, are less than four years old.

Airlines such as Britannia, Monarch, Air UK Leisure, Air 2000, Airtours and Excalibur operate aircraft which are almost new and the food and in-flight service is equal to anything on a scheduled carrier. Perhaps the seats are a bit smaller and the lack of legroom can, especially over long distances, prove irritating. But anyone who flies on a British chartered airline can do so with confidence and comfort.

Except in the peak summer months.

This year, once again the charter market is being flooded with seats on old aircraft, many of which are flown by Swedish, Danish or other foreign pilots. In-flight services may not be as good as those on established British carriers. Yet often it is not until the traveller gets on board and finds signs in a foreign language that it becomes apparent that this is not a modern, British registered jet.

The Civil Aviation Authority tries to check the worst excesses. Recently it grounded one old Swedish-registered TriStar after inspectors spotted corrosion. And late last week it advised the Transport Department, which gives licences for these aircraft to operate out of Britain, to turn down a request for two Peruvian-registered jets to fly from Britain this summer — they were too noisy.



The Travel Business

HARVEY ELLIOTT

The pressure remains on the authorities to allow more foreign-registered, leased aircraft into Britain, and already more than 500,000 additional seats have been committed by such operators to the British package holiday market for this summer.

Does the ownership of an aircraft matter to the traveller, if its seats can be bought at much lower prices? The brokers who bring in the aircraft claim, with some force, that they are simply reacting to demand; that the old boy network of established charter airlines is being protectionist and denying competition: and that there are many older aircraft still flying.

Meanwhile, they say, they have spotted a gap in the market, so either compete or keep quiet. But equally there is some power in the argument made by the British charter airlines that their crews are employed full-time and that they must be trained and kept busy in the winter as well as in the summer.

What is clear, however, is that the traveller is not being given the full facts. Surely the least holidaymakers can expect to be told is exactly which aircraft they are going to be flying in, who owns it, what nationality the crew is, how old it is and what insurance cover they will have if anything goes wrong?

After all, everyone takes immense care in choosing their holiday hotel. Why not the aircraft that will fly them there?

Move to end 'scandal' of low compensation

BY TONY DAWE

NEW moves are being made by British and other European Governments to end what lawyers and MPs have termed the "scandalously low levels of compensation" paid to the relatives of aircrash victims.

British aviation officials will meet their European counterparts and representatives of international airlines later this month to hammer out a deal which could provide relatives with a maximum of £100,000 instead of the £13,633.40 now available.

They are also demanding that accident victims or their next of kin should receive immediate hardship payments and that new compensation levels must be revised every three years.

Critics of the present compensation limits, based on the 1929 Warsaw Convention, have argued that they provide a double blow for relatives, who not only lose loved ones but are left with insufficient funds to look after the families left behind.

Steven Norris, the transport minister, has given his backing to the new moves and promised that his department will do all it can to update the international conventions governing the levels of available compensation "to ensure that families in future tragedies are spared similar distress".

The initiative has been welcomed by Mary Sasse, whose husband, Dominic, died in the last big crash to affect a large number of Britons, in Nepal two-and-a-half years ago. "The negotiations are very good news but they are not before time," she said.

Mrs Sasse was left to bring up two young children and to run a small family business after the accident, in which a Pakistani airbus crashed near Kathmandu, killing all the passengers and crew. The business needs more money invested if it is to be a success, and bringing up Lydia and Joshua, without a father, has proved a financial as well as emotional hardship", she added.

She could seek damages through the courts, but because her husband — and 166 other people, 34 of them [illegible] — died on a Pakistan International Airlines flight, the most obvious place to sue would be Pakistan or Nepal. The chances of success there would be slim and an action very costly.

Mrs Sasse must rely, therefore, on the Warsaw Convention, updated by The Hague protocol. Nigel Taylor, her solicitor and an expert on personal injury law, said: "The convention is now more than 65 years old and it is time it was pensioned off. If nations were making an accord like this today, they would not set a limit at all.

"If it were suggested that a bus or coach company should be permitted to limit their financial liability to £13,000 when they kill people, there would be a public outcry."

Higher compensation limits of £90,000 were recommended by the 1975 Montreal Convention but so few states ratified it that the convention has never come into force. Under a recent US agreement, all airlines registered in the United States, and those flying there, have agreed to a $75,000 (£47,500) limit.

British officials are hoping that a similar accord can be reached in Europe but with maximum levels closer to £100,000. They also want people seriously injured in air accidents, or relatives of those killed, to receive immediate hardship payments of between 5 and 10 per cent of the new maximum compensation level.

Nigel Waterson, the Tory MP, who has called for improvements to the "patchwork of outdated and inadequate compensation", welcomed the moves but added: "The British Government's heart is in the right place but I fear that anything requiring agreement in Europe will move at a snail's pace."



Widowed: Mary Sasse with Joshua, seven, and Lydia, 12



Snow in Florida? The "Summit Plummet" at Mount Gushmore, Blizzard Beach

A British blizzard

BRITISH holidaymakers are "swamping" Blizzard Beach, the new theme park at Disney's Orlando, Florida resort *(David Churchill writes)*.

The 66-acre water park is popular with British visitors because it is close to the recently opened All Star Sports and Music Hotels, which have a total of 4,000 rooms, each sleeping up to four people.

"Because many Britons stay at these hotels, they tend to hit Blizzard Beach first," a Disney spokesman said. "There are more British guests at the moment than any other nationality."

Blizzard Beach is themed around the idea that a freak snow storm has hit Florida — where temperatures reach around 90F in the summer — and a ski resort has been built as a result.

How green are your holidays?

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

ATTEMPTS are being made this week to prevent the travel industry from destroying 400,000 trees and wasting £35 million a year in producing unused holiday brochures.

Every year, 120 million glossy brochures are produced, of which 38 million are thrown away. They cannot be recycled because of the inks used in the printing process.

By October all this should change thanks to Dick Sisman, an environmentalist who wants "greener" tourism.

Mr Sisman, 50, chairman of Green Flag International, a non-profit-making organisation set up four years ago to promote conservation in tourism, has persuaded independent tour operators that being "green" can save them money.

"Good environmental practice need not be at the expense of good business," he said. "The cost of paper has gone up 15 per cent in the last three months and this plan is an immediate way to cut costs. We are not a pressure group — we try to be helpful."



Sisman: "helpful"

The problem of wasted brochures is just one of the projects on which Green Flag offers advice. Its 70 members pay an annual subscription in return for advice on "sustainable tourism" — an industry buzz-word to describe tourism which benefits, and even enhances, holiday destinations rather than destroying them.

Hotels are advised on saving water and electricity: for example not changing room towels every day and encouraging guests to switch off lights when leaving rooms.

The campaign is an attempt to stop other countries suffering unfettered development on the scale seen along the Spanish coast in the 1970s, when quiet fishing villages turned into huge, unmanageable — and ultimately unpopular — resorts, dominated by snack bars and high-rise flats.

British travellers may worry about the damage that tourism causes to the environment, but revent surveys have shown one in ten of them nevertheless prefers to holiday in remote and unspoilt areas.

"Tourism has made a lot of mistakes that we would not like to be repeated," Mr Sisman said. "We have been successful in advising operators and governments on green tourism in Malta, Jersey and Portugal, but sometimes I feel I am fighting against public apathy. Tour operators do respond to public pressure, but we could do with a little more of it in Britain."

He advocates using small, privately-run guesthouses and hotels, shops and public transport, and employing local people as guides.

"Holiday planning should include the consideration of the effect of your visit, especially in the world's most beautiful places. Look at the environmental content of brochures. Try to travel with a company that shows it has taken account of environmental issues in putting together holiday programmes."

He is now setting up a database of guest houses, hotels, tours, public transport and environmentally-friendly projects on which operators can draw. "We already have 250 businesses on our books, and hope to have 2,000 by the end of the year," he said.

BA boosts seat comfort

A NEW range of seats, designed to be so comfortable that business class travellers will forget how much they are paying for the privilege of flying in a better class compartment, are to be fitted into the latest British Airways jets, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

As passengers get taller, fatter and heavier, so the need to look after their comfort has increased. Now, after two years of research, BA believes it has found the perfect business class seat design.

BA has also decided to provide business class passengers with 55in of leg room, 15in more than at present, to compete with airlines, such as Virgin and Continental, which have abolished first class and turned business class in to the equivalent of the old first class.

The new BA seat is totally flexible to provide maximum comfort for whatever shape, size or weight of passenger who sits in it.

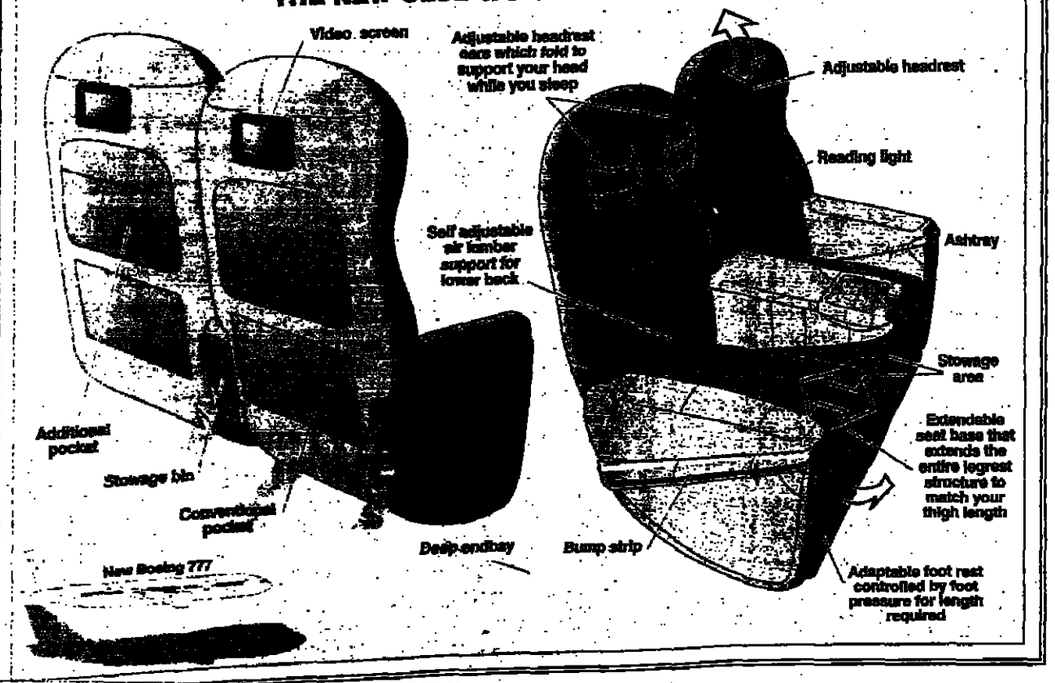
It has an extendable base which adjusts to match the length of the occupant's thigh; an adaptable foot-rest controlled by pressure from the feet; a self-adjustable air bag to support the lower back; "ears" which fold down to support a sleeping head; a moveable light in the armrest to complement the overhead reading light; additional stowage space; and an extra seat pocket below the personal entertainment system. The arm rests are rounded, push buttons replace levers to control its position, and it is covered in a material which makes the foam feel soft while providing firm support.

The seats cost about £3,000 each and were designed in conjunction with ICE Ergonomics of Loughborough University and Jones Garrad of Leicester. They were made by Burns Aerospace of North Carolina.

Robbie Baird, BA's general manager of product development, said: "An aircraft seat has to combine the roles of an armchair, a bed and a seat in a restaurant, cinema and office. This new seat meet all the needs of our customers."

The seat will be installed in the new Boeing 777 fleet, which will be delivered to BA later this year.

THE NEW CLUB WORLD AIRLINE SEAT



Price war slashes Euro fares

BRITISH Airways has sparked a price war with the Eurostar rail service to Paris and Brussels by slashing air fares to both cities. The airline yesterday announced £59 fares to Paris and Brussels in its latest wave of "World Offers".

The fares, for travel in June, undercut the lowest existing airfare by £16. Travel agents were yesterday quoting £75 for BA, British Midland or Air France. The BA price is also 30 per cent lower than Eurostar's cheapest return.

The rail service quotes Paris for £84 or Brussels at £79. "I don't think we have ever had a £59 fare to Paris, certainly not for many, many moons," said Debbie Cope, senior sales consultant at Major Travel in London, one of BA's specialist travel agents. "Why BA has bought them down that low I don't know."

But BA and other airlines are under challenge from Eurostar. Last year an estimated three million people flew between London and Paris and 1.6 million to Brussels. Eurostar started the operation on November 14 last year and on May 23 passed the one million passenger mark.

A Eurostar spokesman yesterday declined to comment on the BA fare initiative, but a BA spokesman denied its prices were in response to Eurostar.

"World Offers" also offers price cuts to other destinations: Barcelona and Berlin are quoted at £99, Naples and Rome for £129 and Athens for £139.

STEVE KEENAN

Lure of currency

CURRENCY fluctuations are persuading British holidaymakers to go to countries where their pounds go further *(writes Steve Keenan)*.

America, Turkey and Italy have become more attractive, but France, Greece and Spain have lost business.

A year ago, travellers received 8.2 French francs to the £1. Now the figure is FFr7.8, a difference of nearly £30 when changing £500 cash. The change is reflected in recent holiday bookings — down 7 per cent down on 1994.

Spain and Greece have also lost business. Bookings to the end of April showed Spain's share of the UK market slipping from 44 to 42 per cent, and Greece from 15 to 14 per cent, says Britain's biggest travel agent, Lunn Poly.

The pound has gained strength in America (Florida, in particular) and Turkey. Turkey has nearly doubled its market share of the UK market to 7 per cent; America is up 5 per cent.

But the swings in favourable currency rates have to be balanced against the cost of meals and services abroad. So while £1 buys 60 per cent more Turkish lira than it did last year, the cost of buying meals and services has doubled.

The pound is unlikely to drop further against European currencies, says David Gladwin, of Thomas Cook. By waiting, holidaymakers to France may even benefit.

WHAT YOU GET — COUNTRY BY COUNTRY

CURRENCY	£500 worth of currency May 30, 1994	£500 worth of currency May 30, 1995	Difference in £ on £500 over year	Increase in cost of living %
US dollar	737.00	784.50	+£38.18	3.1
Greek drachma	177,000	176,950	-£0.42	9.8
French franc	4,110	3,883	-£29.23	1.8
Turkish lira	22,305,500	32,920,000	+£161.23	125.5
Cypriot pound	361	347	-£20.17	4.7
Spanish peseta	99,000	98,100	-£15.09	5.2
Portuguese escudo	125,000	115,000	-£42.77	5.2
Italia lira	172,500	1,300,000	+£48.04	5.2
Australian dollar	1,000.00	1,085.00	+ 39.17	
Indian rupee	45.50	49.80	+43.17	
South African rand	5.88	5.50	-34.55	

**Source: Thomas Cook*

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Lancashire's chance to confirm their potential

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

WORCESTERSHIRE, one game away from completing the remarkable feat of appearing in three consecutive Lord's knockout finals, are going to have to do it the hard way. Yesterday's draw for the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup paired them with the bookmakers' favourites, Lancashire.

In the other tie, on Tuesday June 13, Canterbury will host an all-ticket crowd for the visit of Somerset, who confirmed their place in the last four yesterday when they took a mere 40 minutes to complete a six-wicket win over Gloucestershire in the rain-interrupted game at Bristol.

Worcestershire's consolation for the draw that no team would have chosen is in having home advantage. On their New Road ground they are a formidable one-day team, starkly at odds with their recent decline in the county championship. Last year they finished fifteenth in the four-day competition but of the three limited-overs events they won one and were runners-up in the other two.

They lost the Benson and Hedges final to Warwickshire, who threatened to carry off a clean sweep of the season's honours until Worcestershire deprived them in the NatWest final. The same rainbow's end is beckoning Lancashire this summer and, while even their own players are not yet convinced they can win the championship, they are in no doubt about their one-day potential. The dressing-room, indeed, has had a decent bet that all three limited-overs trophies will find their way to Old Trafford.

Lancashire are in peerless form, having won all nine of their completed one-day games to date. There is a cohesion and purpose to their game which has been absent in recent years. Mike Watkinson, very much a cricketer's cricketer, is doing a splendid job as captain and may soon have the silverware to endorse it.

They will not find it easy, however, against a Worcestershire side that, on Tuesday, made short work of Yorkshire on an inappropriate pitch at Leeds. Tim Curtis's side is mightily confident when it comes to this form of the game and their simple formula — bowl straight, get through the overs quickly and bat positively — is effectively executed. Stuart Lampitt and Gavin Haynes are unsung all-rounders who would greatly enjoy proving their worth against the more fashionable names from Manchester.

Kent are in the semi-final for a record twelfth time and will be warm favourites to overcome Somerset's patched-up side. Against this, of course, they have not won a trophy for 17 years — since they last won the Benson and Hedges by beating Derbyshire in the 1978 final.

SEMI-FINALS

Kent v Somerset
Worcestershire v Lancashire
Matches to be played Tuesday, June 13
BETTING (Hills): 13-8 Lancashire, 2-1 Kent, 5-2 Worcestershire, 15-2 Somerset

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: 113

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell c Russell b Cooper	7
M E Trescothick lbw b Smith	52
P D Bowler c Russell b Srinath	10
R J Harden not out	30
G D Rose c Alleyne b Srinath	7
S C Ecclestone not out	4
Extras (w 2, nb 2)	4
Total (4 wkts, 35.1 overs)	114

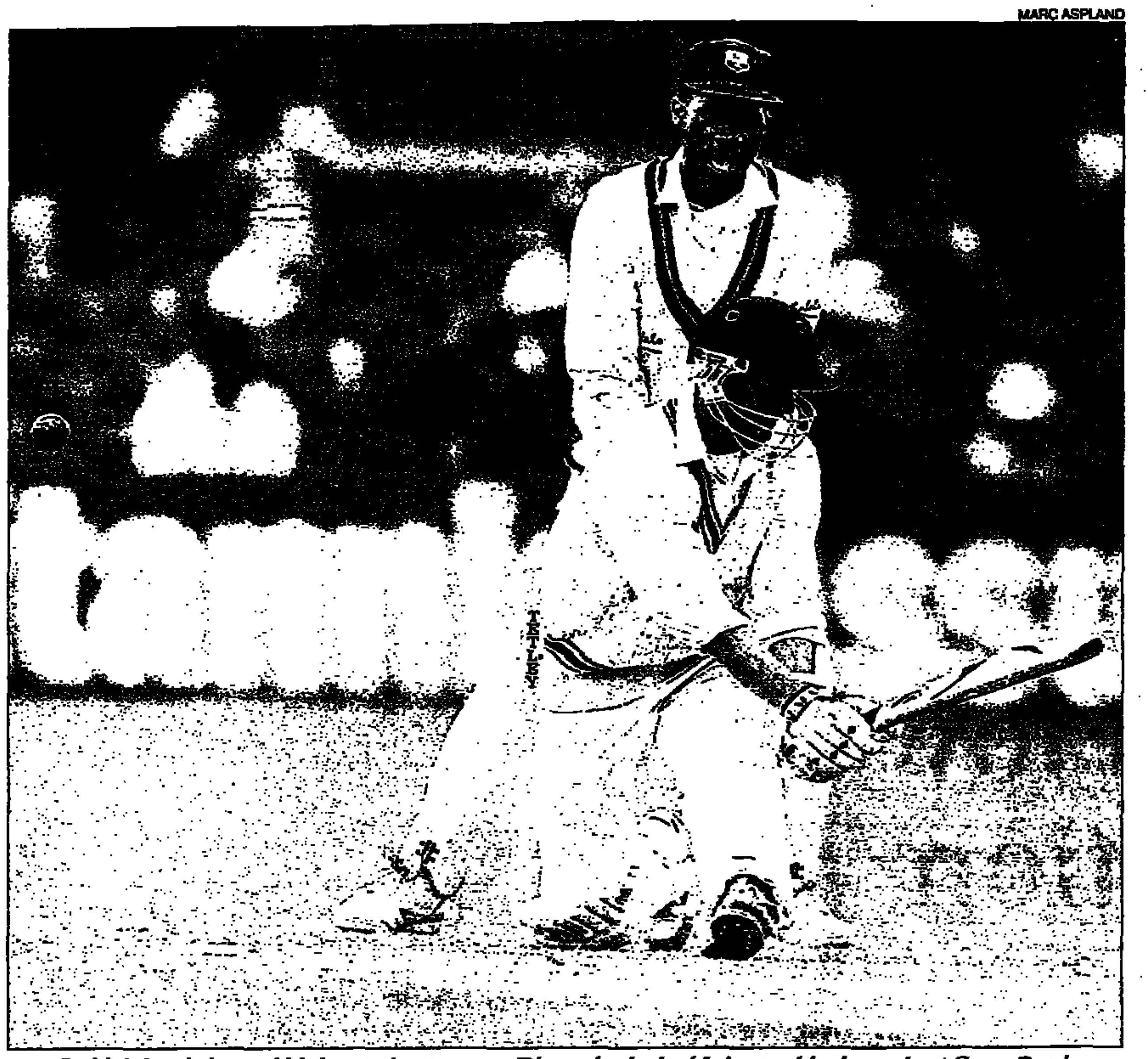
*A N Hayhurst, †R J Turner, Mushtaq Ahmed, H R J Trump and J D Batty did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-28, 3-97, 4-104

BOWLING: Srinath 10.1-3-35-2; Cooper 8-0-21-1; Smith 10-1-37-1; Alleyne 2-0-7-0; Ball 5-1-14-0.

Gold award: J D Batty (Somerset).

Umpires: V A Holder and B Leadbeater



MARC ASPLAND

Smith is bowled round his legs trying to sweep Dhanraj, who had Leicestershire in a spin at Grace Road

Worcestershire out to break duck

By Michael Henderson

THE leading four teams in the Britannic Assurance county championship are not taking part in the latest round of matches. Lancashire, the only side unbeaten in competitive four and one-day cricket, lie behind Northamptonshire, the leaders, and Warwickshire, the champions. Leicestershire, in fourth place, are playing the touring West Indians.

Worcestershire are the mystery team. Winners in seven of their eight limited-overs games, and with plenty of talent and experience, they have lost all three championship matches. The last time they lost four in succession at the start of a season was 68 years ago. "We need one good day's batting," David Houghton, the first-team coach, said.

One of the bowlers trying to deny them that will be Carl Rackemann, Surrey's new overseas player, who arrived from Queensland on Monday and plays at New Road in place of the injured Joey Benjamin. Paul Thomas, the former Shropshire seamer who took five wickets on his first-class debut against the West Indians two weeks ago, is included in the Worcestershire party.

A man who might well be playing for Surrey next season is Chris Lewis, who wants away from Trent Bridge. Not many Nottingham folk will shed tears when he goes; he is hardly ever fit. The physio's best friend is again missing from the team that faces Essex, as are Paul Pollard and Johnson.

Derbyshire walloped Sussex by an innings in their first match and have since lost three, fairly calamitously. For the match against Middlesex at Lord's they will be happy to pick Daryll Cullinan to bolster their batting now that his broken finger has mended. They also give a championship debut to another batsman, Wayne Dessaur, once of Nottinghamshire.

The old joke about Yorkshire's end-of-season dinner (June 1, seats available at all prices) is a shade naughty, but their early-season bubble has undoubtedly evaporated after defeats by Northamptonshire and, in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final, Worcestershire. They are still without Moxon and recall Vaughan to open the innings.

David Hemp, the Glamorgan left-hander, returns for the game against Hampshire, who got off the mark last week after enduring a painful start to the summer. Durham play their second match at Chester-le-Street against a formidable Kent side which can sniff a Lord's final.

Benjamin told to calm down by his captain

By Jack Bailey

LEICESTER (second day of three): The West Indians, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 290 runs ahead of Leicestershire

A PASSAGE of words between Allan Jones, the umpire, and Kenny Benjamin, the West Indies fast bowler, tended to overshadow some entertaining if technically undistinguished cricket yesterday. West Indies took a firm grip on the game, Shirvnarine Chanderpaul took his overnight 97 to an unbeaten 140, and James Whitaker made a sparkling 75 in a Leicestershire innings which left them 274 behind, though not asked to follow on.

No-balls and bouncers had been a main course on the menu for some time before the Benjamin incident. Nothing outside the laws, but more than enough for comfort, even before David Millns, batting at No 9, faced up to Benjamin for the over which caused the *contretemps*. Two bouncers from successive balls saw Millns top edge the first for four and fend off the next with his bat handle.

As expected, Jones informed Benjamin that he had bowled his two bouncers for the over. Then came two no-balls. After the second, not a bouncer, but one which sped like an arrow for Millns's rib cage, Jones spoke at some length to Benjamin and called in Richie Richardson, the captain. In the opinion of the umpire, Benjamin was deliberately over-stepping the crease to get as close as possible before letting fly at the batsman.

The umpire's gestures to Richardson indicated that Benjamin had over-stepped by some two feet in an attempt to intimidate Millns. Richardson's speech to Benjamin — "Cut it out", he said — had the desired effect, or almost.

Benjamin could not forbear trying to get a rise out of Jones by holding on to the next ball after the delivery stride. Jones, happily, did not take the bait by calling no-ball. Benjamin is unlikely to play in the first Test and this squall at Grace Road will probably remain just that. Both he and Ottis Gibson were vying for a place, though, and yesterday it showed in the number of no-balls they bowled as they strove for pace. Benjamin was responsible for no fewer than 11; 17 were bowled in all, and Gibson was wildly inaccurate to boot.

Meanwhile, Raj Dhanraj was spinning his leg breaks and Leicestershire were batting sufficiently badly against him to allow him to tease out six of them for 50. Even Whitaker fell to him, from a long hop, but not before he had hooked, cut, and driven the fast attack for most of his 14 fours in a 75 which lasted only 82 balls.

Whitaker won his only England cap nine years ago, but there will be few better innings played against the West Indies this season.

WEST INDIANS: First Innings

S C Williams c Nixon b Parsons	13
C L Hooper c Maddy b Dakin	29
*R B Richardson lbw b Parsons	60
J C Adams c Nixon b Sheriyar	2
K L T Arthurton c Parsons b Dakin	146
S Chanderpaul not out	140
†C O Browne b Sheriyar	19
W K M Benjamin c Nixon b Millns	7
O D Gibson not out	7
Extras (b 5, lb 4, w 4, nb 32)	45
Total (7 wkts dec, 108 overs)	468

R Dhanraj and K C G Benjamin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-60, 3-72, 4-154, 5-377, 6-429, 7-445.

BOWLING: Millns 18-2-87-1; Parsons 21-9-23-2; Sheriyar 24-1-148-2; Dakin 20-2-94-2; Pierson 18-2-80-0; Clarke 7-0-49-0.

Second Innings

C L Hooper c Dakin b Sheriyar	1
S C Williams not out	11
*R B Richardson not out	4
Total (1 wkt)	16

FALL OF WICKET: 1-1

BOWLING: Parsons 2-0-4-0; Sheriyar 2-0-12-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

D L Maddy c Williams b K Benjamin	8
B F Smith b Dhanraj	18
*J J Whitaker c Chanderpaul b Dhanraj	75
A Habib b Dhanraj	4
†P A Nixon c Browne b Dhanraj	7
J M Dakin c and b Dhanraj	1
V P Clarke c Richardson b Gibson	5
G J Parsons c Richardson b K Benjamin	13
D J Millns lbw b Dhanraj	28
A R K Pierson not out	0
A G Sheriyar b K Benjamin	0
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 38)	43
Total (47.2 overs)	194

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-96, 3-108, 4-118, 5-130, 6-135, 7-154, 8-194, 9-194.

BOWLING: W K M Benjamin 11-3-27-0; Gibson 12-2-55-1; K C G Benjamin 9.2-2-58-3; Dhanraj 15-3-50-6.

Umpires: A A Jones and T E Jesty

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES FANTASY FIRST XI GAME

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts	Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts	Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts	Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	The Cunning Weasels (G Bell)	6158	27	Rich Tickings (R Smith)	5698	53	The Bunnies 2 (B Warren)	5615	79	Hobbeshire (Mr P Kentish)	5563
2	11 Earp Brothers (M Dunn)	5920	28	Spread Eaglets (Mr P Stewart)	5695	54	Norfolk Nomads (I R Nelson)	5614	80	Laphroaig Malt (Mr PK Stevenson)	5562
3	The Run Rats (L Tattoo)	5905	29	Khanna's XI (Mr V Khanna)	5695	55	County Pine D4 (J Hunt)	5612	81	Which Grade First XI (J Goodwin)	5561
4	Dave's Demons (D Tattoo)	5896	30	Akhter's XI (D Akhter)	5693	56	Penney Llong (H Paul)	5603	82	Sticky Wicket (Mr S Collins)	5560
5	The Baggies XI (Mr R Edwards)	5864	31	The Salmon Eleven (Mr S P Vann)	5693	57	In The Deep (Mr P E Laibach)	5596	83	Wedded Bliss (Mr P Davis)	5558
6	Wiskeshire (Mr R B Cave)	5856	32	Hong Kong Phooey (M Plum)	5690	58	Simmondley Sock (Mr PA Rodgers)	5592	84	Spin Doctors (J T Luckman)	5557
7	Ivys First XI (Mr I Boyle)	5854	33	Oakmickdave (R Jeffrey)	5686	59	F C C (Mr C Freeston)	5590	85	Herts Aslain (P Dickson)	5556
8	The Incapables (J L Renwick)	5846	34	County Pine E5 (J Hunt)	5679	60	Flying Bails (J Mant)	5588	86	Small Furry Animal (Mr RR Beer)	5552
9	Akhtar's XI (D Akhtar)	5821	35	Chanting Ze Mantra (Mr P Jaeger)	5676	61	The Carp CC (Mr SP Vann)	5586	87	Kp Fantasy Team 7 (KR Patel)	5551
10	Skill And Luck (Mr I Hunt)	5789	36	The Monkey Nuts (A J Smith)	5676	62	Dougs Demons 1 (Mr D H Forbes)	5585	88	Northern Willow (Mr C J Chew)	5549
11	Adam's Ace's (Mr A J Dovey)	5788	37	The Nabirs Eleven (M Purdey)	5673	63	Saudfish (D Ellison)	5583	89	Old Bartonians (Mr J Bartlett)	5549
12	George's Eleven (Mr T Dunn)	5771	38	Jeffs Gems (J L Gosling)	5669	64	County Pine F6 (J Hunt)	5581	90	Rochdale Villa (Mr M Turner)	5549
13	All Out For A Duck (Mr G Lynch)	5770	39	No Twelth Man (Mr M E Jones)	5669	65	Taunton A (Mr J Hunt)	5580	91	Best Bloom B Eleven (Mr R Bloom)	5546
14	Dartford Diamonds (Mr D S Chapman)	5752	40	Opportunists (P Stuart)	5666	66	(2380813063)	5578	92	Village Green XI (Mr M P Darbyshire)	5546
15	Millwall XI (Mr J Saggiorato)	5738	41	The Tigers (Mrs I D Fewings)	5664	67	Marks First XI (Mr M E Diddridge)	5577	93	Rockets Eleven (MA Stevenson)	5545
16	Paddys Package (P Campbell)	5735	42	Baldy's Wonders (Mr S Kemp)	5658	68	The Hopefuls (J Griffin)	5577	94	Mc Fromage's XI (Mr G Wade)	5545
17	All Geas Are Mahic (Mr R MacDonald)	5733	43	Championship Quality XI (Mr M A Qureshi)	5656	69	The Hopefuls XI (J Griffin)	5574	95	Claremont Five (MC Gardiner)	5542
18	Sticky Wickets (Mr P Ward)	5727	44	Simmondley Jock (Mr P A Rodgers)	5636	70	Turkish Delight (C Willis)	5573	96	Legend (T Kemp)	5542
19	County Pine K10 (J Hunt)	5726	45	Teds Turnips (E Thomison)	5628	71	What No Hunslet (Mr C Micklethwaite)	5573	97	Seven XI (MP Seabrook)	5540
20	Hurricane Henry (Mr H Paul)	5725	46	Grantchester CC (KF Grant)	5628	72	Gattoosh (M Trovell)	5571	98	(3479513078)	5537
21	Taylors Titans (Mr M Taylor)	5720	47	North Easterners (Mr H West)	5628	73	Random XI (Mr S R Brook)	5567	99	Yams XI (Mr A Donkersley)	5537
22	Teddy Four (Mr B Beer)	5718	48	Knomes XI (Mr P Sherlock)	5627	74	Hexham Strollers (Mr J M Hewlett)	5566	100	Great Western Railways C C (Mr V Ladwa)	5535
23	Quacker Jacks (Mr JE Palmer)	5717	49	Kumble's Allstars (Mr W Griffiths)	5627	75	Weather Report (Mr H Paul)	5564			
24	Early Starters (Mr V Foote)	5717	50	Fantasy Eleven (L Bentley)	5627	76	Team Kabbadi (P Curtis)	5564			
25	Elmos A Cheat (Mr D Hutchinson)	5714	51	Harriet Tails XI (Mr P Hales)	5623	77	The Cat's Back XI (Mr S Baven)	5584			
26	Akers Third Eleven (J Akeroyd)	5700	52	Amadeus XI (K Nicholas)	5621	78	Malcolm Devon XI (D Reynolds)	5563			

☐ Mr T Dexter, of Beeston, Nottingham, wins the £250 weekly prize in our Fantasy First XI cricket competition. His team, Pale Dress XI, accumulated 1323 points.

THE TIMES FANTASY FIRST XI SCOREBOARD

Scores in brackets relate to the points scored in the last week of the game; others relate to the season-long game. Figures include all matches completed by May 29.

Batsmen (001-113)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
C J Adams (001)	196	(0)	0	(0)	196	(0)
J C Adams (002)	123	(0)	0	(0)	123	(0)
G F Archer (003)	185	(50)	0	(0)	185	(50)
K L T Arthurton (004)	47	(0)	0	(0)	47	(0)
Asif Din (005)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M A Atherton (006)	444	(0)	0	(0)	444	(0)
C W J Athey (007)	296	(24)	0	(0)	296	(24)
R J Bailey (008)	320	(111)	1	(0)	340	(111)
K J Barnett (009)	320	(0)	4	(1)	400	(20)
M R Benson (010)	414	(45)	0	(0)	414	(45)
M G Bevan (011)	394	(59)	0	(0)	394	(59)
D J Bicknell (012)	210	(0)	0	(0)	210	(0)
T J Boon (013)	100	(0)	0	(0)	100	(0)
P D Bowler (014)	506	(176)	0	(0)	506	(176)
N E Briers (015)	329	(41)	0	(0)	329	(41)
A D Brown (016)	335	(0)	0	(0)	335	(0)
D Byas (017)	670	(119)	0	(0)	670	(119)
S L Campbell (018)	219	(0)	0	(0)	219	(0)
J D Carr (019)	192	(1)	0	(0)	192	(1)
S Chanderpaul (020)	89	(0)	0	(0)	89	(0)
M J Church (021)	69	(0)	0	(0)	69	(0)
P A Cottey (022)	430	(122)	1	(0)	450	(122)
G R Cowdrey (023)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J P Crawley (024)	341	(67)	0	(0)	341	(67)
W J Cronje (025)	250	(8)	4	(1)	330	(28)
D J Cullinan (026)	267	(0)	0	(0)	267	(0)
T S Curtis (027)	293	(68)	0	(0)	293	(68)
J A Daley (028)	348	(0)	0	(0)	348	(0)
R I Dawson (029)	206	(101)	0	(0)	206	(101)
P A de Silva (030)	357	(140)	2	(1)	397	(160)
M P Dowman (031)	393	(2)	0	(0)	393	(2)
N H Fairbrother (032)	210	(0)	0	(0)	210	(0)
A Fordham (033)	176	(29)	0	(0)	176	(29)
J E R Gallian (034)	218	(61)	7	(0)	358	(61)
M W Gatting (035)	260	(94)	0	(0)	260	(94)
G A Gooch (036)	553	(34)	0	(0)	553	(34)
A P Grayson (037)	168	(0)	2	(0)	208	(0)
K Greenfield (038)	278	(15)	0	(0)	278	(15)
J W Hall (039)	205	(62)	0	(0)	205	(62)
T H C Hancock (040)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R J Harden (041)	378	(75)	0	(0)	378	(75)
A N Hayhurst (042)	184	(0)	6	(0)	304	(0)
G R Haynes (043)	184	(9)	4	(0)	264	(9)
D L Hemp (044)	239	(29)	2	(0)	279	(29)
G D Hodgson (045)	353	(42)	0	(0)	353	(42)
A J Hollioake (046)	413	(0)	7	(0)	553	(0)
N Hussain (047)	388	(43)	0	(0)	388	(43)
S Hutton (048)	36	(0)	0	(0)	36	(0)
S P James (049)	199	(0)	0	(0)	199	(0)
P Johnson (050)	221	(17)	0	(0)	221	(17)
M Keech (051)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S A Kellett (052)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N V Knight (053)	326	(78)	0	(0)	326	(78)
A J Lamb (054)	549	(79)	0	(0)	549	(79)
B C Lara (055)	78	(0)	0	(0)	78	(0)
M N Lathwell (056)	207	(47)	0	(0)	207	(47)
W Larkins (057)	261	(53)	0	(0)	261	(53)
D A Leatherdale (058)	205	(37)	4	(0)	285	(37)
N J Lenham (059)	116	(35)	0	(0)	116	(35)
J J B Lewis (060)	234	(24)	0	(0)	234	(24)
N J Llong (061)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G D Lloyd (062)	252	(32)	0	(0)	252	(32)
J I Longley (063)	48	(0)	0	(0)	48	(0)
M B Loye (064)	8	(0)	0	(0)	8	(0)
M A Lynch (065)	249	(40)	0	(0)	249	(40)
G I MacMillan (066)	175	(22)	4	(0)	255	(22)
M P Maynard (067)	439	(74)	0	(0)	439	(74)
A A Metcalfe (068)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
T C Middleton (069)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A J Moles (070)	524	(147)	0	(0)	524	(147)
R R Montgomerie (071)	222	(0)	0	(0)	222	(0)
T M Moody (072)	193	(2)	1	(0)	213	(2)
H Morris (073)	450	(117)	0	(0)	450	(117)
J E Morris (074)	614	(79)	0	(0)	614	(79)
R S M Morris (075)	201	(23)	0	(0)	201	(23)
M D Moxon (076)	258	(0)	0	(0)	258	(0)
M C J Nicholas (077)	205	(1)	0	(0)	205	(1)
T J G O'Gorman (078)	125	(17)	0	(0)	125	(17)
D P Ostler (079)	457	(0)	0	(0)	457	(0)
B Parker (080)	36	(36)	0	(0)	36	(36)
T L Penney (081)	374	(113)	0	(0)	374	(113)
P R Pollard (082)	102	(0)	0	(0)	102	(0)
J C Pooley (083)	233	(35)	0	(0)	233	(35)
P J Prichard (084)	268	(101)	0	(0)	268	(101)
M R Ramprakash (085)	412	(0)	0	(0)	412	(0)
T A Radford (086)	78	(78)	0	(0)	78	(78)
J D Ratcliffe (087)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R B Richardson (088)	5	(0)	0	(0)	5	(0)
D D J Robinson (089)	102	(0)	0	(0)	102	(0)
P E Robinson (090)	99	(0)	0	(0)	99	(0)
R T Robinson (091)	352	(199)	0	(0)	352	(199)
A S Rollins (092)	113	(0)	0	(0)	113	(0)
M A Roseberry (093)	234	(29)	0	(0)	234	(29)
D J Sales (094)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M Saxelby (095)	215	(24)	2	(0)	255	(24)
N Shahid (096)	53	(0)	2	(0)	93	(0)
A Singh (097)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
B F Smith (098)	86	(33)	0	(0)	86	(33)
R A Smith (099)	341	(120)	0	(0)	341	(120)
N J Speak (100)	248	(71)	0	(0)	248	(71)
M P Speight (101)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A J Stewart (102)	309	(0)	0	(0)	309	(0)
A Symonds (103)	353	(52)	0	(0)	353	(52)
N R Taylor (104)	305	(13)	0	(0)	305	(13)
V P Terry (105)	381	(170)	0	(0)	381	(170)
G P Thorpe (106)	119	(0)	0	(0)	119	(0)
S P Titchard (107)	146	(138)	0	(0)	146	(138)
M E Trescothick (108)	238	(22)	0	(0)	238	(22)
R G Twose (109)	280	(44)	8	(2)	440	(84)
M P Vaughan (110)	275	(36)	4	(0)	355	(36)
M J Walker (111)	145	(30)	0	(0)	145	(30)
D M Ward (112)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
T R Ward (113)	348	(129)	0	(0)	348	(129)
R J Warren (114)	86	(8)	0	(0)	86	(8)
M E Waugh (115)	72	(6)	5	(1)	172	(26)
A P Wells (116)	550	(0)	0	(0)	550	(0)
W P C Weston (117)	196	(36)	0	(0)	196	(36)
G W White (118)	173	(38)	0	(0)	173	(38)
J J Whitaker (119)	342	(92)	0	(0)	342	(92)
P R Whitaker (120)	74	(46)	0	(0)	74	(46)
S C Williams (121)	23	(0)	0	(0)	23	(0)
M G N Windows (122)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A J Wright (123)	375	(29)	0	(0)	375	(29)

All-rounders (124-165)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
M W Alleyne (124)	224	(9)	4	(2)	304	(49)
I D Austin (125)	91	(27)	8	(6)	251	(147)
P Bainbridge (126)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M A Butcher (127)	407	(0)	3	(0)	467	(0)
C L Cairns (128)	252	(36)	12	(5)	492	(136)
D G Cork (129)	142	(0)	27	(0)	682	(0)
R D B Croft (130)	328	(22)	14	(2)	608	(62)
K M Curran (131)	383	(81)	9	(3)	563	(141)
A Dale (132)	464	(165)	6	(1)	584	(185)
P A J DeFreitas (133)	71	(0)	18	(0)	431	(0)
S C Ecclestone (134)	137	(0)	2	(0)	177	(0)
K P Evans (135)	219	(25)	6	(2)	339	(65)
M V Fleming (136)	102	(0)	1	(0)	122	(0)
O D Gibson (137)	4	(0)	2	(0)	44	(0)
G A Hick (138)	132	(0)	0	(0)	132	(0)
C L Hooper (139)	176	(0)	0	(0)	176	(0)
R C Irani (140)	325	(151)	3	(1)	385	(171)
K D James (141)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S R Lampitt (142)	78	(14)	10	(3)	278	(74)
C C Lewis (143)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G W Mike (144)	126	(0)	7	(0)	266	(0)
Mushtaq Ahmed (145)	103	(27)	17	(4)	443	(107)
D J Nash (146)	145	(67)	19	(1)	525	(87)
A L Penberthy (147)	6	(0)	2	(0)	46	(0)
M Prabhakar (148)	295	(25)	16	(7)	615	(165)
D A Reeve (149)	260	(42)	10	(0)	460	(42)
G D Rose (150)	287	(33)	12	(1)	527	(53)
A W Smith (151)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N M K Smith (152)	154	(5)	8	(1)	314	(25)
P A Smith (153)	67	(0)	4	(0)	147	(0)
J N Snape (154)	141	(17)	3	(1)	201	(37)
F D Stephenson (155)	216	(36)	17	(1)	556	(56)
J P Stephenson (156)	58	(8)	20	(7)	458	(148)
C M Tolley (157)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S D Udal (158)	108	(0)	7	(0)	248	(0)
Wasim Akram (159)	78	(47)	21	(3)	498	(107)
M Watkinson (160)	315	(28)	15	(2)	615	(68)
G Welch (161)	2	(0)	2	(0)	42	(0)
C M Wells (162)	186	(115)	0	(0)	186	(115)
V J Wells (163)	246	(58)	10	(1)	446	(78)
P N Weekes (164)	130	(17)	2	(2)	170	(57)
C White (165)	486	(124)	7	(1)	626	(144)

Wicketkeepers (166-185)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
A N Aymes (166)	223	(60)	20	(7)	623	(200)
R J Blakey (167)	180	(16)	18	(3)	540	(76)
K R Brown (168)	224	(57)	19	(2)	604	(97)
M A Garnham (169)	48	(0)	1	(0)	68	(0)
W K Hegg (170)	210	(22)	14	(4)	490	(102)
G J Kersey (171)	164	(0)	18	(0)	524	(0)
K M Krikken (172)	53	(17)	12	(8)	293	(177)
S A Marsh (173)	221	(37)	8	(2)	381	(77)
C P Metson (174)	85	(14)	22	(2)	525	(54)
P Moores (175)	245	(31)	14	(4)	525	(111)
J R Murray (176)	26	(0)	2	(0)	66	(0)
P A Nixon (177)	51	(0)	5	(3)	151	(60)
W M Noon (178)	90	(15)	7	(3)	230	(75)
K J Piper (179)	62	(0)	14	(3)	342	(60)
S J Rhodes (180)	132	(35)	13	(1)	392	(55)
D Ripley (181)	55	(0)	1	(0)	75	(0)
R C Russell (182)	165	(56)	14	(3)	445	(116)
N F Sargeant (183)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C W Scott (184)	140	(0)	9	(0)	320	(0)
R J Turner (185)	53	(0)	11	(0)	273	(0)

Bowlers (186-287)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
J A Afford (186)	18	(2)	12	(3)	259	(62)
U Afzal (187)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C E L Ambrose (188)	19	(0)	0	(0)	19	(0)
S J W Andrew (189)	3	(0)	1	(0)	23	(0)
M C J Ball (190)	151	(7)	11	(2)	371	(47)
A A Barnett (191)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S R Barwick (192)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S J Base (193)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J D Batty (194)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J E Benjamin (195)	45	(0)	23	(0)	505	(0)
K C G Benjamin (196)	0	(0)	2	(0)	40	(0)
W K M Benjamin (197)	4	(0)	1	(0)	24	(0)
M P Bicknell (198)	41	(0)	7	(0)	181	(0)
J Boiling (199)	69	(4)	6	(1)	189	(24)
J N B Bovill (200)	46	(8)	21	(3)	466	(68)
J E Brinkley (201)	5	(0)	1	(0)	25	(0)
M Broadhurst (202)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S J E Brown (203)	120	(19)	27	(2)	660	(59)
A R Caddick (204)	54	(0)	5	(0)	154	(0)
G Chapple (205)	139	(20)	14	(1)	419	(40)
J H Childs (206)	24	(6)	16	(2)	344	(46)
C A Connor (207)	70	(10)	16	(4)	390	(90)
N G B Cook (208)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
K E Cooper (209)	32	(0)	2	(0)	72	(0)
D M Cousins (210)	66	(10)	8	(2)	226	(50)
N G Cowans (211)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D M Cox (212)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R P Davis (213)	79	(0)	12	(5)	319	(100)
M Dimond (214)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A A Donald (215)	57	(0)	16	(0)	377	(0)
M A Ealham (216)	395	(130)	6	(0)	515	(130)
J E Emburey (217)	172	(87)	19	(8)	552	(247)
M A Feltham (218)	46	(2)	10	(0)	246	(2)
M G Field-Buss (219)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
D P J Flint (220)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M J Foster (221)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A R C Fraser (222)	23	(0)	14	(0)	303	(0)
E S H Giddins (223)	84	(10)	20	(3)	484	(70)
D Gough (224)	59	(0)	22	(0)	499	(0)
F A Griffith (225)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P J Hartley (226)	50	(4)	36	(4)	770	(84)
D W Headley (227)	57	(31)	17	(1)	397	(51)
E E Hemmings (228)	17	(3)	7	(2)	157	(43)
J E Hindson (229)	94	(24)	16	(5)	414	(124)
J G Hughes (230)	7	(0)	5	(0)	107	(0)
A P Igglesden (231)	40	(7)	6	(2)	160	(47)
R K Illingworth (232)	35	(9)	16	(2)	355	(49)
M C Ilott (233)	152	(43)	21	(2)	572	(83)
P W Jarvis (234)	70	(66)	2	(2)	110	(106)
R L Johnson (235)	5	(0)	6	(3)	125	(60)
G Keedy (236)	30	(0)	16	(5)	350	(100)
N M Kendrick (237)	63	(2)	13	(4)	323	(82)
A Kumble (238)	103	(26)	31	(8)	723	(186)
D R Law (239)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R P Lefebvre (240)	55	(0)	6	(0)	175	(0)
J D Lewry (241)	51	(0)	8	(0)	211	(0)
S Lugsden (242)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M J McCague (243)	119	(24)	17	(2)	459	(64)
D E Malcolm (244)	69	(0)	24	(0)	549	(0)
N A Mallender (245)	10	(10)	1	(1)	30	(30)
P J Martin (246)	184	(0)	17	(0)	524	(0)
R J Maru (247)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D J Millns (248)	198	(40)	15	(4)	498	(120)
A D Mullally (249)	34	(0)	23	(5)	494	(100)
T A Munton (250)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P J Newport (251)	96	(47)	12	(0)	336	(47)
G J Parsons (252)	191	(73)	10	(1)	391	(93)
M M Patel (253)	193	(21)	26	(8)	713	(181)
R M Pearson (254)	27	(0)	6	(0)	147	(0)
D B Pennett (255)	31	(0)	2	(0)	71	(0)
R A Pick (256)	45	(11)	10	(2)	245	(51)
A R K Pierson (257)	68	(15)	15	(8)	368	(175)
A C S Pigott (258)	45	(0)	15	(0)	345	(0)
V J Pike (259)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N V Radford (260)	47	(13)	11	(5)	267	(113)
A R Roberts (261)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M A Robinson (262)	22	(8)	18	(3)	382	(68)
I D K Salisbury (263)	155	(58)	14	(1)	435	(78)
K J Shine (264)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C E W Silverwood (265)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G C Small (266)	47	(0)	17	(2)	387	(40)
A M Smith (267)	6	(4)	22	(10)	446	(204)
V S Solanki (268)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Srinath (269)	36	(0)	20	(6)	436	(120)
H H Streak (270)	95	(11)	11	(6)	315	(131)
I G S Steer (271)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R D Stemp (272)	44	(14)	9	(0)	224	(14)
P M Such (273)	71	(8)	18	(2)	431	(48)
J P Taylor (274)	62	(4)	23	(5)	522	(104)
S D Thomas (275)	30	(7)	5	(1)	130	(27)
M J Thursfield (276)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
H R J Trump (277)	21	(7)	12	(2)	261	(47)
P C R Tufnell (278)	40	(23)	17	(5)	380	(123)
A P van Troost (279)	6	(0)	4	(0)	86	(0)
C A Walsh (280)	0	(0)	5	(0)	100	(0)
A E Warner (281)	85	(0)	5	(0)	185	(0)
S L Watkin (282)	41	(0)	32	(2)	681	(40)
N F Williams (283)	12	(0)	8	(0)	172	(0)
R C Williams (284)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Wood (285)	86	(0)	14	(0)	366	(0)
G Yates (286)	85	(0)	5	(0)	185	(0)
R S Yeabsley (287)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket. Wickets include catches and stumpings by wicketkeepers, but not catches by fielders.

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 2 Chicago 1; Detroit 8 Toronto 6; Kansas City 7 Texas 6; Milwaukee 5 Minnesota 3; Baltimore 5 California 4; Boston 1 Oakland 0; Seattle 7 New York 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 4 Montreal 3; Philadelphia 5 Los Angeles 0; Cincinnati 4 Pittsburgh 2; New York 8 San Diego 0; St Louis 8 Colorado 5

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Shildon: Gloucestershire 326-8 dec (P W Romaines 91 not out, R C J Williams 51) and 7-0. Durham 439 (P Bainbridge 154, J I Longley 106). Pontardulais: Glamorgan 230 and 67-4. Worcestershire 221 (D B D'Oliveira 62, S D Thomas 5-38). Chesterfield: Sussex 237 (P Aldred 4-56). Derbyshire 165-6 (M R May 51). Maidstone: Somerset 110 and 194-3 (S Griffiths 91 not out, G R Swinney 54). Kent 420-3dec (D P Fulton 178, N J Llong 159). Barwell: Leicestershire 295 (S Bartle 66, T Mason 55, M T Brimson 60 not out; D Pennett 4-54, M Field 4-72). Nottinghamshire 233 (L N P Walker 54; Ormond 6-43) and 92-5. Oundle School: Yorkshire 270 (M Wood 137) and 15-0. Northamptonshire 404-7 dec (D J Roberts 117, D J Hills 87, K J Innes 54 not out). (first day of three): Bournemouth: Hampshire 360-4dec (K D James 114 not out, J S Laney 61, M Keech 55, T C Middleton 53). Essex 14-1.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Eighteenth stage (221k, from Stradella to Santuario di Vicoforte): 1, D Zanette (It, AKI-Gipiemme) 5hr 30min 44sec; 2, G Guerini (It, Navigare-Blue Storm) same time; 3, S Outschakov (Ukr, Team Polti) at 1min 11sec; 4, V Poulnikov (Ukr, Deutsche Telekom); 5, R Pellicioni (It, Ceramiche Refin), 6, L K Johnsen (Nor, TVM Verzekeringen) all same time. Overall: 1, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei-GB) 79:55:00; 2, E Berzin (Russ, Gewiss-Ballan) 5:08; 3, P Ugrumov (Lat, Gewiss-Ballan) 5:17.

GOLF

RYE: Bar Society Tournament: First round: G Lowman bt I Glen 2 and 1; N Coleman bt D Ross 1 up; Judge C Tilling bt P Norris 5 and 4; I Chrisba bt Judge M Ward 2 and 1; C Symons QC bt J Turner 19th; M Warren bt D McEvoy QC 5 and 4; M Saxby bt J Stevenson 19th; R Smith QC bt E Raw 2 and 1; R Hunt w/o Sir M Davies scr; J Jones bt Justice D Brown 2 up; G Bartlett QC bt R Tully 2 and 1; J Benson bt M Joy 1 up; J Cohen bt P Dean 3 and 2; S Mortimore QC bt Judge P Reece 4 and 3. D Ryan bt A Orchard 1 up; C Styles bt Mr Justice Hollis 19th, R Leach bt Lord Justice Henry 4 and 3; M Kelly bt Lord Justice S Bown 1 up; D Penry-Davey QC w/o G Casiko scr; M Stephens bt P Jones 8 and 7; T Teggatt QC bt G Shaw QC 4 and 2; J West bt Mr Justice Potter 2 and 1; D Penny bt G Norris 6 and 6, J Livesey bt D Waters 1 up; Judge S Fawcus bt G Bark-Jones 3 and 2; R Tresman bt N Murray 4 and 3; R Stead bt D Hunt QC 2 and 1; G Pollock QC bt P Benson 1 up; R Hayward w/o M Moore scr; C Kemp bt T Preston QC 2 and 1; Judge R Livesey QC bt Judge B Duckworth 2 and 1.

FOOTBALL

SPANISH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Sporting Gijon 0 Deportivo Coruña 2.

MOTOR SPORT

GURSTON DOWN: RAC Hill Climb championship: Round six: 1, A Priaulx 27.14sec (record); 2, M Colton 27.21; 3, D Grace 28.07; 4, S During 28.19; 5, R Lane 28.46; 6, P Wood 28.77 (all driving Pilbeams). Championship standings: 1, A Priaulx 53pts; 2, Grace 50; equal 3, Colton and Lane 41.

ANGLESEY: Paul Wilson Enville stages: 1, M Oates (Subaru Legacy) 73min 12sec.

COUNTY DURHAM: Stobs Stages: 1, J Harland (Darrien T90) 18:05.

LINCOLNSHIRE: Bloodhound Stages: 1, A Haddon (Escort Cosworth) 66.47sec.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES: Queensland 20 New South Wales 12 (at Melbourne Cricket Ground, Queensland win three-match series 2-0).

RUGBY UNION

Tour matches

Australian Univs 32 England A 32

Australian Universities: Tries: Hill 2, Harrison, Howard. Cons: Madz 3. Pens: Madz 2. England A: Tries: Gomarsall, Hackney, Hull, Metcalfe. Cons: Grayson 2. Pens: Grayson 2.

(in Sydney)

Mashonaland Co 13 Scotland A 42

Mashonaland County Districts: Try: O'Neil. Con: Rugg. Pen: Rugg 2. Scotland A: Tries: Craig, Dods, Gilmour, Renwick, Troup. Cons: Laing 4. Pens: Laing 3.

(in Banket, Zimbabwe)

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Reading 53 Exeter 42. Coventry 45 Bradford 51; Swindon 53 Cradley Heath 43. Wolverhampton 49 Ipswich 47.

POOLS DIVIDENDS

LITTLEWOODS: Treble chance: 24pts £1,621.70, 23 £50.85, 22 £4.05, 21 £1.75. Fifth dividend cancelled (Rule 9f). Four draws: £5.95. Ten homes: £82.40. Six aways: £203.30.

VERNONS: Treble Chance (three dividends only, see rule 10F): 24pts £455.35, 23 £24.40, 22 £2.20. 12 homes: £1,436.00. 10 aways (paid on nine correct): £57.05.

ZETTERS: Treble chance: 24pts £140.80, 23 £2.85, 22 £0.30 (stakes to one ninth of a penny). Four draws: £12. Four super homes: £40. Four super aways: £170. Lucky numbers: 37 27 20 16 1 4.

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.0, first day of four, 110 overs minimum

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CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Hampshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Derbyshire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Essex
TAUNTON: Somerset v Yorkshire
HOVE: Sussex v Gloucestershire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Surrey

Tetley Bitter Challenge

11.0, final day of three

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v West Indians

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (First day of three): Bournemouth Sports Club: Hampshire v Essex.

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Yorkshire.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Nations Cup (Hickstead).

GOLF: Murphy's English Open (Forest of Arden).

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Savill takes measure of Derby decision

By Julian Muscat

AFTER weeks of soul-searching and any amount of analysis, a decision on Celtic Swing's participation in the Vodafone Derby on June 10 is to be announced by the colt's owner, Peter Savill, at 9.30 this morning. The position has become too close to call.

Celtic Swing yesterday pleased connections in a work-out on the gallops of his trainer, Lady Herries, who was among a host of the colt's connections to descend on Epsom racecourse.

Lady Herries assessed the state of the track, which has concerned Savill ever since Celtic Swing was inched out of the 2,000 Guineas by Pennekamp, the Derby favourite, on fast ground. Extensive watering by the Epsom executive has yielded good ground with good to firm patches. Conditions at Chantilly, home of the French Derby, are more favourable for Celtic Swing, whose stature is enhanced by testing ground.

Savill's racing manager, Nick Babbington, who walked the Epsom course on Tuesday, said the executive was on target to produce good racing ground on Derby day. "They have been true to their word." Babbington said, although he stressed he was in no way anticipating Savill's ultimate preference.

Epsom's management faces a period of uncertainty over the weather. The cloudburst which swamped Sandown on Tuesday evening transformed the going from good to firm to soft within hours. A similar occurrence at Epsom near or on Derby day would dramatically alter the state of the ground. That would cause an uproar among connections of fast-ground horses.

Savill's representatives have maintained an open telephone link with the weather centre in recent days. But that is not all. Celtic Swing's stride pattern has been minutely charted in an effort to evaluate what effect fast ground has on the son of Damister.

A prominent veterinarian has established that Celtic Swing shortened his stride by an average of 12 inches over the last two furlongs of the 2,000 Guineas. Apparently, he achieves a range of 23½ feet when he works at home.

The consensus is that fast ground causes Celtic Swing to shorten his stride, although quite how an appropriate allowance was made for the horse inevitably tiring in the closing stages at Newmarket is hard to fathom. Nevertheless, the exercise clearly demonstrates the extent to which Savill has applied science in the horse's best interests.

Speculation earlier this week held that Pat Eddery would attempt his fourth Derby triumph aboard Sebastian, trained for Lord Howard de Walden by Henry Cecil. That union was confirmed yesterday; Willie Ryan, who has ridden Sebastian in two of his three races, misses out.

Sebastian has been popular in the market since he thundered to a ten-length victory at Salisbury three weeks ago. Having dropped from 25-1 to 10-1, the colt's odds were cut to 7-1 by Ladbrokes as reports of Eddery's engagement circulated on Monday.

Leslie Harrison, racing manager to Lord Howard de Walden, said of Sebastian yesterday: "We have always been hopeful that he would go well in the Derby but his price is fairly odd." Slip Anchor, who carried the apricot livery to Derby victory in 1985, is a three-parts brother to Sandy Island, the dam of Sebastian.

MARTIN LYNCH



Derby gamble Sebastian and Ryan, who has lost the Epsom ride to Pat Eddery

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

2.20 Durgams First. 2.50 Feinte. 3.20 Spanish Verdict. 3.50 CHEERFUL GROOM (nap). 4.20 Miss Aragon. 4.50 Arc Bright.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 TUCK SHOP CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,703: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

1 (6) -013 ABSOLUTE FOLLY 19 (BF,D,BF,G) J Berry 8-13 J Carroll 90
2 (5) 3330 DURGAMS FIRST 17 (G) Mrs M Reveley 8-13 K Darley 97
3 (2) 4025 HIGH FLOWN 19 (G) Ronald Thompson 8-9 J Weaver 96
4 (1) 0-4 AFRICANNIGHTINGALE 31 M Tompkins 8-7 S Mulvey (5) 88
5 (7) 5430 JACKMANII 12 W Kemp 8-5 K Fallon 99
6 (4) 0 WARRGEM 7 B Ellison 8-2 N Kennedy –
7 (3) 0-0 LADYS PROMISE 28 M Wane 7-12 L Charnock –

6-4 Durgams First, 3-1 High Flown, 9-2 Absolute Folly, 6-1 others.

2.50 GOLD MARK MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(£3,589: 7f 214yd) (6)

1 (6) 30- DON'T LISTEN 212 M Johnston 3-8-9 DOUBTFUL 86
2 (2) 6-5 FEINTE 27 W Jarvis 3-8-9 K Darley 99
3 (5) 4-0 GOLDEN DIGGER 33 M Stoute 3-8-9 Dean McKeown 88
4 (4) 0 GUNNERDALE 17 D Smith 3-8-9 K Fallon –
5 (3) 6- THATCHER'S ERA 299 T Barron 3-8-9 J Fortune 83
6 (1) VARVARKA J Watts 3-8-9 J Weaver –

6-4 Feinte, 5-2 Varvarka, 7-2 Golden Digger, 10-1 Gunnerdale, Thatcher's Era.

3.20 BOOKER CASH & CARRY HANDICAP
(£3,167: 7f 214yd) (8)

1 (4) 3200 SPANISH VERDICT 6 (CD,F,S) D Smith 8-9-12 J Fortune 92
2 (6) 4224 ROSEATE LODGE 6 (CD,F,G) N Bycroft 9-9-11 J Stack (5) 89
3 (2) 430- PINE ESSENCE 217 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-10 K Darley 87
4 (5) 0030 CALDER KING 8 (D,F,S) J Eyre 4-9-9 N Varley (5) 90
5 (3) -000 LANCASHIRE LIFE 11 E Alston 4-8-6 J Carroll 90
6 (8) 2552 HARRY BROWNE 6 (V,D,G) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-5 K Fallon 99
7 (1) 0/01 CHANTRY BELLINI 20 (B,C,D,F,G) Mrs S Austin 6-8-3 J Fanning 90
8 (7) 060- WILD PROSPECT 248 (C,F,G,S) B Rothwell 7-8-1 L Charnock 85

5-2 Harry Browne, 7-2 Pine Essence, 9-2 Calder King, 5-1 Chantry Bellini, 6-1 Roseate Lodge, 7-1 Spanish Verdict, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Chapman, 4 winners from 5 runners, 80.0%. W Jarvis, 3 from 9, 33.3%; M Tompkins, 13 from 40, 32.5%; Mrs J Ramsden, 13 from 46, 28.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 12 from 58, 20.7%; J Berry, 21 from 102, 20.6%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%. Dean McKeown, 17 from 97, 17.5%; K Darley, 17 from 109, 15.6%; J Carroll, 15 from 96, 15.6%; K Fallon, 12 from 78, 15.4%; J Weaver, 4 from 31, 12.9%.

3.50 MALT HOUSE VINTNERS HANDICAP
(£3,296: 6f 206yd) (13)

1 (9) 06-6 CAVERS YANGOUS 62 (G,S) M Johnston 4-9-11 D Holland 84
2 (4) 2510 AQUADO 5 (D,F,G) A Forbes 6-9-0 J Weaver 90
3 (2) 6160 TWIN CREEKS 21 (D,G) M Hammond 4-8-13 J Stack (5) 98
4 (10) 1420 OBSIDIAN GREY 3 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 8-8-12 D R McCabe (3) 94
5 (12) -023 NOOSA 30 (BF,F,G) D Moffatt 3-8-11 Darren Moffatt (3) 89
6 (8) 0331 THE KINGS RANSOM 20 (V,C,F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-9 K Fallon 91
7 (13) 3040 CHEERFUL GROOM 104 (CD,F) J Mackie 4-8-8 C Teague (5) 87
8 (1) 00-0 MATISSE 13 (B) J Bethell 4-8-8 J Carroll 92
9 (6) 3-02 NORTHERN SPARK 20 (D,G) M Wane 7-8-0 J Fanning 92
10 (5) 0403 KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 5 (D,F) J Parkes 5-8-0 L Charnock 93
11 (5) -050 SUEDORO 35 R McKellar 5-7-13 P Fessey (7) 96
12 (11) 06-6 NEBRANGUS 28 N Bycroft 3-7-7 N Varley (5) 85
13 (7) -400 FAYNAZ 27 (D,F) R McKellar 9-7-7 D Lockhart (7) –

7-2 The Kings Ransom, 4-1 Northern Spark, 7-1 Cavers Yangous, 8-1 Aquado, Cheerful Groom, 10-1 Kilnamartyra Girl, Matisse, 12-1 others.

4.20 CHEF'S LARDER LIMITED STAKES
(£2,983: 5f) (13)

1 (3) 00-0 GYMCRAK TYCOON 20 (CD,F,G,S) G Holmes 6-9-5 J Stack (5) 84
2 (1) 0-00 LIGHT MOVEMENT 34 (V) W Cunningham 5-9-5 Dean McKeown 85
3 (6) -053 PETRACO 24 (D,G,S) N Smith 7-9-5 N Varley (5) 98
4 (8) 0524 THE INSTITUTE BOY 5 (V,D,G) Miss J Craze 5-9-5 S Webster 90
5 (4) 4103 GIGGLESWICK GIRL 6 (CD,F,G) M Channon 4-9-3 D Holland 93
6 (5) 00-6 HEART BROKEN 13 (G) J Fitzgerald 5-9-0 K Fallon 83
7 (12) 06-2 MISS ARAGON 7 (C,F,G) Miss L Siddall 7-9-0 D R McCabe (3) 99
8 (7) 000- MOKAITE 38J (F) M Barnes 4-8-0 P Fessey (7) 80
9 (10) 0-00 SUPREME DESIRE 21 (CD,F,G,S) G Oldroyd 7-9-0 L Charnock –
10 (13) 0005 ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 12 (D,S) R McKellar 3-8-6 J Weaver 81
11 (9) 5036 POLY LAUREON 5 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 3-8-6 K Darley 80
12 (2) 1-66 RAMBORETTE 8 (V,D,F) D Smith 3-8-6 J Fortune 85
13 (11) 6000 SWEET CHEAP PET 17 (B,D,F,G) J O'Neill 3-8-6 J Fanning 80

4-1 Petraco, 5-1 Miss Aragon, 6-1 Giggleswick Girl, 8-1 Another Nightmare, 10-1 Ramborette, Light Movement, Heart Broken, 14-1 others.

4.50 FAMILY CHOICE HANDICAP
(£3,110: 1m 6f 32yd) (11)

1 (6) 5230 HILLZAH 31 (F,G,S) R Bastiman 7-10-0 H Bastiman (5) 93
2 (2) /0-3 STRICTLY PERSONAL 148 (G) M Barnes 5-10-0 J Stack (5) 88
3 (9) 1051 CLIBURNEL NEWS 3 (C,F,G) A Forbes 5-9-3 D Denby (7) 89
4 (3) /52 PERSUASIVE 14J (D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-8-13 K Darley 93
5 (7) -400 YOUNG STEVEN 12 W Kemp 4-8-5 M Birch –
6 (5) 06-0 DEB'S BALL 14J (F,G,S) D Moffatt 9-8-5 Darren Moffatt (3) 89
7 (11) 400- GREAT ORATION 210 (F) F Watson 6-8-2 N Connorton 90
8 (10) 3010 ARC BRIGHT 5 (CD,F,S) R Hollinshead 5-8-1 A Garth (3) 93
9 (1) 0-31 LORD ADVOCATE 12 (B,F,G) D Nolan 7-7-9 N Varley (5) 95
10 (8) 30-0 PLUM DENNIS 12 N Bycroft 4-7-8 D Wright (3) 91
11 (4) 0040 LIGHTNING QUEST 12 (B,CD,F) J Wainwright 4-7-7 L Charnock 97

7-2 Cliburnel News, 9-2 Arc Bright, 5-1 Persuasive, 6-1 Hillzah, 8-1 Lord Advocate, 10-1 Strictly Personal, Great Oration, 12-1 others.

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THUNDERER

6.45 Classic Lover. 7.15 Just Dissident. 7.45 Monkey Wench. 8.15 Sycamore Lodge. 8.45 Diamond Crown. 9.15 Champagne N Dreams.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.15 SYCAMORE LODGE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.45 CLASSIC LOVER (nap). 8.15 Reverand Thickness.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

6.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND PICKWICK HOTEL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,143: 6f) (4 runners)

1 DOUBLE OSCAR M Johnston 9-0 D Holland 1
2 LARRYLUKEATHUGH J J O'Neill 9-0 K Fallon 2
3 3 PEKAY 31 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 4
4 CLASSIC LOVER B McMath 8-9 A Mackay 3

6-4 Pekay, 9-4 Classic Lover, 3-1 Double Oscar, 6-1 Larrylukeathugh.

7.15 ANNFIELD HOTEL MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,113: 5f) (9)

1 -003 JUST DISSIDENT 12 R Whitaker 3-10-0 A Culhane 1
2 006 SAMSUNG LOVELYLADY 20 E Weymes 3-9-9 J Fortune 5
3 0-30 FLASHING SABRE 20 J Berry 3-9-6 J Carroll 8
4 50-0 BAJAN FRONTIER 55 F Lee 3-9-1 M Birch 3
5 640- I'M PLAYING 330 M Johnston 3-9-1 D Holland 4
6 5003 HENRY THE HAWK 2 M Dods 4-9-0 G Parkin (7) 6
7 0-06 CROWDED AVENUE 10 P Makin 3-8-13 J Weaver 2
8 -500 JESSICA'S SECRET 22 (B) A Bailey 3-8-7 L Charnock 9
9 00-0 COREY HILLS 3 N Bycroft 4-8-7 Alex Greaves 7

3-1 Just Dissident, 7-2 Crowded Avenue, 4-1 Samsung Lovelylady, 6-1 Flashing Sabre, 8-1 Bajan Frontier, 10-1 I'm Playing, 12-1 others.

7.45 BURNS MONUMENT HOTEL CLAIMING STAKES (£2,762: 1m 5f 13yd) (7)

1 11-0 BALZINO 7 (F) R Tinkler 6-9-9 Kim Tinkler 3
2 40 KARIBU 10 P Monteith 4-9-9 S D Williams 5
3 4052 MONKEY WENCH 12 (V,C,F) J Berry 4-9-6 J Carroll 7
4 464- SHAREOFTHEACTION 262 (G) Mrs A Naughton 4-9-5 J Fortune 1
5 60/ KINCARDINE BRIDGE 717 Mrs S Bradburne 6-9-3 K Fallon 4
6 0- NICKY'S FEELINGS 213 T Dyer 3-7-11 J Fanning 2
7 0004 LONGCROFT 3 K Hogg 3-7-9 A Mackay 6

11-4 Monkey Wench, 3-1 Shareoftheaction, 7-2 Balzino, 6-1 Karibu, 7-1 others.

8.15 BELLEISLE HOTEL HANDICAP
(£4,221: 7f) (12)

1 2030 ROSSINI BLUE 7 A Bailey 4-9-10 K Darley 7
2 3113 REVERAND THICKNESS 35 (D,G,S) S Williams 4-9-9 D Wright (3) 3
3 -050 TWO MOVES IN FRONT 28 (C,F,G,S) J Berry 5-9-8 Dean McKeown 9
4 3155 ALLINSON'S MATE 13 (CD,F,G) T Barron 7-9-6 J Fortune 10
5 0-15 DON PEPE 35 (D,F,G) R Boss 4-9-3 J Weaver 2
6 1506 CHINOUR 12 (D,F,G) E Alston 7-9-1 K Fallon 8
7 -362 SYCAMORE LODGE 5 P Calver 4-9-1 M Birch 4
8 0400 THE HAPPY LOON 8 (D,F,S) Denys Smith 4-8-7 J Carroll 6
9 -403 BLOW DRY 20 (S) M Wane 5-8-6 A Culhane 5
10 2013 PROFIT RELEASE 2 (B,D,F,G) M Johnston 4-8-6 D Holland 12
11 -060 PEACEFULL REPLY 23 (F) F Lee 5-7-12 N Kennedy 1
12 2-02 AL WUJUD 22 T Dyer 4-7-8 J Fanning 11

4-1 Reverand Thickness, 5-1 Sycamore Lodge, 6-1 Chinour, 7-1 Al Wujud, 8-1 Don Pepe, Profit Release, 10-1 others.

8.45 HANSEL VILLAGE SELLING STAKES
(£2,840: 1m 2f) (9)

1 060- ASKERN 45J (F) G Moore 4-9-12 J Carroll 7
2 00-5 AMNESIA 10 (V,G) Mrs S Bradburne 4-9-7 N Kennedy 4
3 CYMBALO J Goldie 4-9-5 A McGlone 8
4 -002 DIAMOND CROWN 6 (D,F) M Wane 4-9-5 K Fallon 9
5 0-00 MASTER FIDDLER 22 E Weymes 5-9-5 Dean McKeown 6
6 0221 TROPICAL JUNGLE 33 (B,D,G) P Makin 5-9-5 K Darley 5
7 30-0 SWEETLITTLEMYSTERY 31 E Alston 4-9-0 J Fortune 3
8 60 ACONORACE 7 R Fahey 3-8-6 A Culhane 1
9 00-5 GORAM'S GIRL 13 Mrs A Swinbank 3-8-1 J Marshall 2

9-4 Diamond Crown, 11-4 Tropical Jungle, 8-1 Aconorace, 10-1 others.

9.15 NORTH PARK HOTEL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,217: 1m) (6)

1 3114 GOSPEL SONG 8 (B,D,BF,F) W Kemp 9-7 K Darley 2
2 5-01 CHAMPAGNE N DREAMS 10 (D,F) D Nicholls 8-11 (6ex) Alex Greaves 4
3 50-0 CELEBRATION CAKE 24 Miss L Perratt 8-8 M Birch 1
4 0-66 TEEJAY'N'AITCH 10 J Goldie 8-6 A McGlone 5
5 5-23 FISHY AFFAIR 20 T Dyer 7-11 J Fanning 3
6 0041 INDIAN RHAPSODY 20 (D,F) M Channon 7-10 L Charnock 6

5-2 Champagne N Dreams, 11-4 Gospel Song, 7-2 Indian Rhapsody, 5-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Makin, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%. A Bailey, 11 from 80, 13.8%; M Johnston, 12 from 88, 13.6%; T Barron, 6 from 44, 13.6%; J Berry, 24 from 189, 12.7%; N Bycroft, 4 from 39, 10.3%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 14 winners from 48 rides, 29.2%. K Darley, 43 from 173, 24.9%; S D Williams, 4 from 23, 17.4%; J Weaver, 12 from 81, 14.8%; J Carroll, 17 from 121, 14.0%.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

6.30 Chief Joseph. 7.00 K C's Dancer. 7.30 Super Sharp. 8.00 Crosula. 8.30 Manamour. 9.00 Distant Memory.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.30 VOWCHURCH NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,178: 2m 3f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 6161 CHIEF JOSEPH 15 (CD,F,G) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-11 C Llewellyn
2 081U KIWI CRYSTAL 13 (F) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-4 R Greene
3 U-1P WONDERFULL POLLY 92 (G) P Nicholls 7-11-4 C Maude
4 F60F HAILE DERRING 15 (B) M Scudamore 5-11-2 R Bellamy
5 06 MARINA'S LAD 15 A James 6-11-2 W Marston
6 00-0 MALLYAN 8 P Pritchard 8-10-11 R Davis
7 0-6 RUBY VISION 7 T Forster 6-10-11 S Wynne
8 0/P0 ST ANLO 3 B Wells 13-10-11 J Da Costa
9 S-U0 VEXFORD MODEL 13 V Greenway 5-10-11 M Foster
10 0P5 SMOOTH HOUND 8 M Pipe 4-10-10 R Dunwoody
11 003P BAYBELLINA 12 R Buckler 4-10-5 B Powell

5-4 Chief Joseph, 4-1 Kiwi Crystal, 9-2 Wonderfull Polly, 5-1 Ruby Vision, 10-1 Smooth Hound, 12-1 Baybellina, 25-1 Haile Derring, 33-1 others.

7.00 EDWARDIAN SELLING HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,957: 3m 1f 110yd) (15)

1 10P- JAMES PIGG 310 (F,G) M Pipe 8-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 51-2 ISLAND FOREST 280 (F,G) P Nicholls 9-12-0 Guy Lewis (5)
3 432P BRAVE DEFENDER 26 (F,G) J White 11-11-7 P McLoughlin (3)
4 PPU4 K C'S DANCER 12 (CD,F,S) R Dickin 10-11-4 A P McCoy
5 1F65 CZERMINO 12 (F,G) M Lloyd 12-11-3 Miss J Priest (7)
6 2480 HANGOVER 50 (G,S) R Lee 9-10-13 C Llewellyn
7 31U4 TURPIN'S GREEN 12 (F,G) J King 12-10-12 Mr R Johnson (7)
8 5036 RELTIC 19 (G) C Broad 8-10-5 W Marston
9 5222 PANT LLIN 26 (B,F) F Jordan 9-10-5 J Lodder
10 P504 WOODLANDS GENHIRE 45 (B,D,F) P Pritchard 10-10-0 R Davis
11 P6F6 RHOMAN FUN 6 (C,G) G Ham 8-10-0 D Gallagher
12 4PP2 MINT-MASTER 24 (B,F) B Shaw 10-10-0 A Thornton
13 033P BARGAIN AND SALE 15 (F,G,S) D Minty 10-10-0 S Lyons (3)
14 P2PP NANDA MOON 12 (B,F) A Barrow 8-10-0 B Powell
15 53/4 LENINGRAD 432P (F) P Rodford 11-10-0 S Burrough

7-2 Island Forest, 5-1 James Pigg, Hangover, 6-1 Turpin's Green, 8-1 K C's Dancer, 10-1 Brave Defender, 12-1 others.

7.30 EATON BISHOP NOVICES CHASE
(£2,775: 2m) (9)

1 1331 MUSKORA 8 (B,D,F,G) P Hobbs 6-12-2 R Dunwoody
2 3512 FINAL ACE 12 (F) Mrs A Price 8-11-10 Jodie Mogford (7)
3 -051 SUPER SHARP 12 (G) H Oliver 7-11-10 Jacqui Oliver
4 64P3 MABTHUL 12 (F) R Jackes 7-11-4 P Holley
5 3332 THE COMMUNICATOR 10 (B,S) J Peacock 9-11-4 R Bellamy
6 0213 UPWARD SURGE 15 (BF,D,F) K Bailey 5-11-4 S McNeill
7 60-0 LA BELLE OF SANTO 271 (F) B Wells 12-10-13 J Da Costa
8 P264 WOMAN OF THE ROAD 6 (G) G Ham 9-10-13 C Llewellyn
9 0-PP WOODLANDS ELECTRIC 141F P Pritchard 5-10-12 R Davis

Evens Muskora, 7-2 Super Sharp, 4-1 Upward Surge, 10-1 Final Ace, 14-1 Woman Of The Road, 16-1 The Communicator, 20-1 Mabthul, 50-1 others.

8.00 STOKE EDITH NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,276: 3m 2f) (6)

1 1111 CROSULA 19 (F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-12 R Dunwoody
2 5111 HENRY CONE 13 (G) D Nicholson 6-11-12 W Marston
3 0424 DEVIL'S CORNER 13 H Webb 7-11-8 S McNeill
4 PU3F DOMINALL BEAG 24P (F) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-0 Mr M Rimell (5)
5 P0P0 GORDON'S PET 7 (G) P Wakely 9-11-0 D Skyrme
6 -6P0 PANDORA'S FIRE 113 P Pritchard 7-10-9 R Davis

Evens Crosula, 5-4 Henry Cone, 10-1 Devil's Corner, 12-1 Dominall Beag, 50-1 Gordon's Pet, Pandora's Fire.

8.30 COTSWOLD NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,775: 2m 3f) (7)

1 3P05 FICHU 16 (F) G Thorner 7-11-10 B Powell
2 3241 DAWN CHANCE 12 (B,F) R Hodges 9-11-7 A Tory
3 5512 TRUSS 15 (F,G) J Upson 8-11-6 J Supple (3)
4 3U16 MANAMOUR 33 (BF,C,F) R Lee 8-11-5 C Llewellyn
5 0353 SOME DREAM 19 (B,F) R Alner 11-11-4 P Carey (7)
6 000P BOXING MATCH 24 (F,G) J Bradley 8-10-9 R Farrant
7 PRFP TIMELLS BROOK 7 (B) Paddy Farrell 7-10-5 M Foster

9-4 Truss, 5-2 Dawn Chance, 7-2 Some Dream, 4-1 Manamour, 14-1 Boxing Match, 16-1 Fichu, 33-1 Timells Brook.

9.00 TYBERTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,262: 2m 1f) (11)

1 3400 PRINCIPLE MUSIC 38 (G) H Kavanagh 7-12-0 T Murphy (5)
2 1136 SAFETY 222 (B,D,F,G) J White 8-11-8 P McLoughlin
3 F-33 DISTANT MEMORY 7 (B,D,F,G) P Hobbs 6-10-8 G Tormey
4 03P5 TIR NA NOG 6 (F,G) Miss L Shally 6-10-7 R Massey (3)
5 2604 CORRIN HILL 16 (D,F,S) R Hodges 8-10-3 T Dascombe (3)
6 6122 TAAHHUB 3 (F) R Price 5-10-2 G Hogan
7 0004 LA RAPTOTTE 3 (B,F,G) K Bridgwater 8-10-0 F Leahy
8 PPP0 WILL IT LAST 33 (CD,S) R Brotherton 9-10-0 Chris Webb (3)
9 040P CASTLERICHARDKING 178 (CD,G) K Bridgwater 10-10-0 D Leahy
10 00P0 COMANECI 17 (G) K Bridgwater 7-10-0 J Parkhouse (7)
11 P0-P WOODYARD 35 N Berry 6-10-0 D Fortt

11-4 Taahhub, 3-1 Distant Memory, 7-2 Safety, 6-1 Corrin Hill, 8-1 Principle Music, 10-1 Tir Na Nog, 16-1 La Raptotte, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Buckler, 7 winners from 21 runners, 33.3%. M Pipe, 36 from 121, 29.8%; N Twiston-Davies, 19 from 65, 29.2%; R Alner, 7 from 27, 25.9%; D Nicholson, 11 from 46, 23.9%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 18 winners from 80 rides, 22.5%. S McNeill, 16 from 71, 22.5%; A P McCoy, 6 from 27, 22.2%; Jacqui Oliver, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M Foster, 5 from 27, 18.5%.

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THUNDERER

2.00 Great Marquess. 2.30 Aldwick Colonnade. 3.00 No More Trix. 3.30 Artic Wings. 4.00 General Rusty. 4.30 Bironi. 5.00 Decisive Spice.

Brian Beel: 4.30 Bironi.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.00 LOGISTIK TRUCK TYRE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,666: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 5041 GREAT MARQUESS 3 (G,S) N T-Davies 8-12-7 Mr M Rimell (5)
2 111 OH SO BRIGHT 13 (CD,F,G,S) O Sherwood 6-11-9 DOUBTFUL
3 P2F2 FINNOW QUAY 5 (B,F) J Johnson 6-11-7 M A Fitzgerald
4 /43- RADAR KNIGHT 497 J Peacock 7-11-0 R Bellamy
5 5P0F TALENT SPOTTER 103 R Babbage 8-11-0 A Shakespeare

1-3 Great Marquess, 9-1 Finnow Quay, 12-1 Radar Knight, 20-1 Talent Spotter.

2.30 ELLARD DOOR PRODUCTS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,089: 2m) (6)

1 0552 DUBAI FALCON 8 R Dickin 4-11-10 D Meredith
2 3-P0 POCONO KNIGHT 40 C Jones 5-11-7 G Upton
3 430P ROOTSMAN 186 B Llewellyn 5-11-1 Mr J L Llewellyn (5)
4 3001 ALDWICK COLONNADE 16 (D,F) M Usher 8-11-0 B Powell
5 2532 TRECENTO 12 J Mackie 4-11-0 W Marston
6 0454 HUBERT 38 L Grassick 5-10-11 Mr J Grassick

5-2 Dubai Falcon, 3-1 Trecento, Aldwick Colonnade, 5-1 Hubert, 6-1 others.

3.00 TRAVIS PERKINS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,905: 2m 5f) (7)

1 -2P3 SWORD BEACH 177 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 11-12-0 P Niven
2 -121 NO MORE TRIX 27 (D,F,G,S) T Tate 9-11-11 R Garritty
3 2233 PHILIP'S WOODY 43 (F,G,S) N Henderson 7-11-2 J R Kavanagh
4 3P2R BLUSTERY FELLOW 12 (F,G) N T-Davies 10-10-6 C Llewellyn
5 4301 AUVILLAR 27 (V,D,F,G,S) D Burchell 11-10-0 D J Burchell
6 31-P JIMMY O'DEA 19 (V,D,F) T Bill 8-10-0 J Railton
7 0562 SECRET SUMMIT 33 (F,G,S) A Forbes 9-10-0 T Eley (3)

5-2 No More Trix, 3-1 Sword Beach, 4-1 Philip's Woody, 5-1 Auvillar, 6-1 others.

3.30 SECURICOR COMMUNICATIONS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,306: 3m 110yd) (4)

1 12-1 JAWANI 133F (D,F) J Scargill 7-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 1112 ARTIC WINGS 7 (D,BF,F,G,S) O Brennan 7-11-7 M Brennan
3 0140 RIMOUSKI 19 (CD,G) B Cambidge 7-11-1 Mr J Cambidge
4 0141 BAYLORD PRINCE 12 (D,F,S) Miss J Ewer 7-10-0 Sophie Mitchell (5)

6-5 Jawani, 6-4 Artic Wings, 6-1 Rimouski, 8-1 Baylord Prince.

4.00 HOUGHTON VAUGHAN NOVICES CHASE
(£3,469: 3m 2f) (6)

1 /11 FINAL HOPE 12 (F,G,S) R Tate 7-12-0 Mrs F Needham
2 4221 GENERAL RUSTY 19 (G) C Mann 7-11-8 R Dunwoody
3 P4 ASHE GORSE 7 P Dalton 7-11-2 W Marston
4 2U33 DOCS DILEMMA 16 (BF,F) K Bailey 6-11-2 M A Fitzgerald
5 32PU EDEN STREAM 2 (BF) J Johnson 8-11-2 J R Kavanagh
6 24F3 MANOR RHYME 6 J McConnochie 8-11-2 S McNeill

7-4 General Rusty, 7-2 Docs Dilemma, 4-1 Final Hope, 5-1 Eden Stream, 8-1 Manor Rhyme, 16-1 Ashe Gorse.

4.30 EAST MERCIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,126: 2m 5f) (11)

1 -P1U BARN ELMS 32P (F,S) S Mellor 8-12-0 P Hacking (3)
2 111U BIRONI 10 (BF,F,G,S) H Lewis 6-12-0 J Jukes (7)
3 1P00 HIGH DEGREE 10 (G) M Best 7-12-0 G Barfoot-Saunt (7)
4 21R2 PAVI'S BROTHER 22 (G) C Sweeting 7-12-0 R Sweeting (7)
5 PRUP POLLY'S CLOWN 10 (B) Miss Richardson 8-12-0 G Hanmer (7)
6 121U TUFFNUT GEORGE 10 (F,G,S) Mrs Grainger 8-12-0 A Phillips (7)
7 F411 A WINDY CITIZEN 19P (F,G) Mrs C Hicks 6-11-9 R Hicks (7)
8 4324 BALLILAURENKA 12 Miss S French 7-11-9 Miss S French (7)
9 4610 CARLY'S CASTLE 10 (F,G,S) Miss P Whittle 8-11-9 P Hanly (7)
10 4236 HOME DOVE 24P (G) M Sowersby 8-11-9 Mrs F Needham (7)
11 URSU PEPPERBOX 12 (S) Mrs C Forber 7-11-9 D Sherlock (7)

9-4 A Windy Citizen, 7-2 Tuffnut George, 5-1 Bironi, 6-1 Pavi's Brother, Barn Elms, 14-1 Ballilaurenka, 16-1 Carly's Castle, 20-1 others.

5.00 TETLEY BITTER OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,298: 2m) (16)

1 4 COPPER COIL 15 A Jones 5-11-0 S McNeill
2 U-2 DECISIVE SPICE 16 R Alner 6-11-0 G McCourt
3 MIDDAY BLUES O Sherwood 6-11-0 J A McCarthy
4 44 NISHVAMITRA 45 C Thornton 5-11-0 Mark Roberts (7)
5 PALLINGHAM LAD M Avison 5-11-0 R Garritty
6 4 AUMALE 20 J Johnson 4-10-9 M A Fitzgerald
7 HARD TO BREAK R Jackes 4-10-9 P Holley
8 INDIAN BAY L Grassick 4-10-9 Mr J Grassick
9 MRS JAY W Clay 5-10-9 Diane Clay
10 PARTY LADY A J Wilson 6-10-9 B Clifford
11 SECRET HEIGHTS B Wells 4-10-9 Mr D Verco
12 RR3 SEYMOURSWIFT 12 B Preece 5-10-9 Mr R Bevis (7)
13 WHERES SARAH J O'Shea 5-10-9 V Slattery
14 CARLY-J S Bowring 4-10-4 T Eley (3)
15 MINNIE THE MINX D C Tucker 4-10-4 Sophie Mitchell (7)
16 MUSICAL VOCATION B Preece 4-10-4 G Hogan (5)

6-4 Midday Blues, 4-1 Decisive Spice, 6-1 Aumale, 10-1 Nishvamitra, Copper Coil, Seymourswift, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Mann, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%. Mrs M Reveley, 3 from 12, 25.0%; O Sherwood, 14 from 58, 24.1%; N Henderson, 7 from 29, 24.1%; K Bailey, 19 from 84, 22.6%; O Brennan, 6 from 28, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 40 winners from 175 rides, 22.9%. S McNeill, 10 from 47, 21.3%; J R Kavanagh, 7 from 33, 21.2%. Only qualifiers.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.10 Cyrillic
2.40 Roderick Hudson
3.10 Greatest
3.40 Call Me Albi
4.10 Shift Again
4.40 Tafahhus

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.10 Shift Again.

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 5-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND FRESHFIELD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,315: 5f 213yd) (4 runners)

101 (1) 6 LAUGHING BUCCANEER 14 (P Dunn) B Meehan 9-0 B Doyle 83
102 (3) 0 VANISHING POINT 88 (J Manley) G Lewis 9-0 Paul Eddery –
103 (4) 20 CYRILLIC 43 (Chancery Bourse Inv) P Kelleway 8-9 M Wigham 96
104 (2) 44 MRS MCBADGER 35 (C Badger) B Smart 8-9 R Perham 99

BETTING: 5-4 Cyrillic, 6-4 Mrs McBadger, 5-2 Laughing Buccaneer, 6-1 Vanishing Point.

1994: I SHOULD COCOA 8-11 B Doyle (13-2) B Meehan 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

LAUGHING BUCCANEER 9¼l 6th of 8 to Repertory in maiden at Salisbury (5f, good). VANISHING POINT 9¾l 11th of 13 to Kossom Kit in maiden auction at Doncaster (5f, good to firm). CYRILLIC 9l 9th of 11 to Incapable in maiden at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). Earlier 2l 2nd of 6 to Gwespyr in maiden at Lingfield (5f, good). MRS MCBADGER 2¾l 4th of 12 to Hoh's Hoolihan in maiden auction at Warwick (5f, good to firm). Earlier 4¼l 4th of 11 to Anotheranniversary in a maiden auction at Warwick (5f, good).
Selection: CYRILLIC.

2.40 SHOREHAM MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,800: 6f 209yd) (4 runners)

201 (1) 0-403 OFFICE HOURS 19 (B Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 T Quinn 94
202 (2) 0-62 RODERICK HUDSON 19 (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 9-0 W Newnes 99
203 (3) 240- ALDANEH 215 (E Bin Mubarak) R Hannon 8-9 J Reid 91
204 (4) 0 RISING RIVER 6 (G W Pritchard-Gordon) S Woodman 8-9 M Fenton –

BETTING: 5-4 Roderick Hudson, 7-4 Office Hours, 9-4 Aldaneh, 25-1 Rising River.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

OFFICE HOURS 16l last of 7 to Peace Envoy in conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. RODERICK HUDSON neck 2nd of 10 to Decorated Hero in maiden at Lingfield (7f, firm) with OFFICE HOURS 2¾l 3rd. RISING RIVER 27l last of 9 to Marguerite Bay in maiden at Goodwood (7f, firm).
Selection: RODERICK HUDSON (nap).

3.10 FLANAGAN AND ALLEN HANDICAP
(£3,401: 7f 214yd) (15 runners)

301 (2) 563102 GREATEST 28 (F,G) (Iwoshire Ltd) R Akehurst 4-9-13 R Perham 91
302 (6) 5320-00 STARSPORT 37 (G) D Bench Davis 4-9-8 S O'Gorman 86
303 (5) 600-404 LOVE LEGEND 21 (F,G,S) (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 10-9-8 M Tebbutt 89
304 (15) 0800-00 MISLEMANI 14 (Mrs P Cane) A Newcombe 5-9-6 R Price 86
305 (12) 040453 PIRATES GOLD 21 (G) (E Nott) J White 5-9-2 F Norton 88
306 (3) 00-4536 CHAIRMANS CHOICE 5 (D,G) A Jarvis 5-8-12 J Hunter 90
307 (7) 1200-30 OOZLEM 56 (B,CD,F) (Mrs W Felett) R Flower 6-8-10 A Tucker 85
308 (10) 600-006 NOEPROB 10 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Bradshaw) R Hodges 5-8-10 T Sprake 90
309 (8) 430605 RESPECTABLE JONES 13 (B,D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 9-8-8 M Wigham 98
310 (14) 0-5064 KELLAIRE GIRL 7 (D Purches) G Lewis 3-8-3 Dale Gibson 98
311 (1) 0-00032 OKAY BABY 13 (M Keogh) M Tompkins 3-8-1 S Raymont 99
312 (11) 0-000 BURNT SIENNA 14 (A Gorrie) J Moore 3-8-1 N Adams 83
313 (4) 0-45505 ZINBAQ 62 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Baker) C Benstead 9-8-1 C Rutter 89
314 (9) 432100 MYJINKA 6 (B,G) (Miss P Westbrook) J O'Donoghue 5-8-0 N Carlisle 90
315 (13) 00-0066 GREEN GREEN RUBY 2 (V) (D Allen) G L Moore 3-7-11 Candy Morris 92

BETTING: 9-2 Greatest, 5-1 Pirates Gold, 8-1 Love Legend, Noeprob, 10-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

GREATEST 3¼l 2nd of 20 to Schamhorst in apprentice handicap at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). MISLEMANI 4¾l 9th of 19 to Ahjay in a handicap at Salisbury (7f, good). PIRATES GOLD 3½l 3rd of 11 to Pension Affair in a handicap here (7f, firm) with LOVE LEGEND (1lb better off) ½l. CHAIRMANS CHOICE 3¼l 6th of 22 to Polly Peculiar in amateurs' handicap at Warwick (1m, good). OOZLEM 9l 9th of 15 to Confronter in handicap over course and distance (good). NOEPROB 2¼l 6th of 17 to Vanborough Lad in handicap at Bath (1m, good to firm). KELLAIRE GIRL 3½l 4th of 9 to Fantasy Racing in claimer at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). OKAY BABY 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Veloce in a seller at Thirsk (7f, good to firm) with RESPECTABLE JONES (9lb better off) 5l 5th. ZINBAQ 8½l 5th of 11 to Zahran in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m). MYJINKA 8l 7th of 10 to Elite Racing in a handicap over course and distance (firm).
Selection: PIRATES GOLD

3.40 SEAFORD SELLING HANDICAP (£2,243: 1m 3f 196yd) (12 runners)

401 (3) -14-0342 CALL ME ALBI 5 (V,CD,F) (Mrs R Bates) G L Moore 4-10-0 L Suthern (7) 89
402 (1) 32-5300 SHARP GAZELLE 48J (C,F) (M Pattinson) B Smart 5-9-7 Martin Dwyer (7) 83
403 (2) 5004-05 MEDIATOR 12J (V,G) (N Jones) A Moore 6-9-5 W Newnes 80
404 (12) 0-53040 ANN HILL 6 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 5-8-13 W Ryan 96
405 (4) 000 HORSETRADER 14 (Kennet Valley T'breds) R Hannon 3-8-12 Dane O'Neill (7) 85
406 (10) 2-65208 PRESTO BOY 8 (S Carter) M Bell 3-8-9 M Fenton 93
407 (7) 0/00500- DRUMAIRD 280 (Mrs H McAuliffe) K McAuliffe 4-8-9 J Tate (3) 84
408 (5) 460050 RAGTIME SONG 5 (CD,F,G) (Mrs E Kiernan) A Moore 6-8-4 Candy Morris 97
409 (8) 606000- DUGGAN 29J (D,F,G) (C Booth) P Evans 8-8-2 Amanda Sanders (7) 85
410 (11) 00-03 BOUNDLESS 28 (B) (R Harding) B Meehan 3-8-2 B Doyle 90
411 (6) 082244 MAYDAY KITTY 5 (T Lightbowne) W Turner 3-8-0 A Daly (7) 99
412 (9) 00-60 LEUSE 30 (Mrs D Brader) A Jarvis 3-7-7 S Lanigan (7) –

BETTING: 7-2 Call Me Albi, 5-1 Presto Boy, 6-1 Mayday Kitty, 7-1 Sharp Gazelle, Drumaird, 8-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CALL ME ALBI 4l 2nd of 14 to Hever Golf Lady in selling handicap at Lingfield (AW, 2m) with MAYDAY KITTY (1lb better off) 1½l 4th and RAGTIME SONG (5lb better off) 29½l 9th. SHARP GAZELLE best recent effort 2¾l 3rd of 7 to Oft The Air in seller at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd). ANN HILL 5¾l 4th of 9 to Kimberley Boy in a seller at Beverley (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. HORSETRADER 16l 16th of 30 to Akrapa in a claimer at Salisbury (7f, good). PRESTO BOY 6l and a neck 3rd of 23 to Indian Jockey in selling handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm) with ANN HILL (1lb worse off) 3¾l 5th. BOUNDLESS 2¾l 3rd of 10 to Absolute Folly in seller at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 4f). MAYDAY KITTY 5¼l 4th of 7 to Daily Starlight in median auction at Edinburgh (1m 3f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: MAYDAY KITTY

4.10 REGENCY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,519: 7f 214yd) (7 runners)

501 (1) 000-60 PORTLAND WAY 17 (M Booth) A Jarvis 9-0 B Thomson –
502 (6) LIGHT FANTASTIC (Mrs D Joly) R Charlton 8-9 W Ryan –
503 (2) 004-000 MRS TIGGER 21 (B) (R Armstrong) R Armstrong 8-9 R Price –
504 (5) 40-026 NYALI BEACH 14 (BF) (Mrs L Ryan) B Meehan 8-9 B Doyle 71
505 (7) 2-5 RON'S SECRET 8 (Mrs L Popely) J Payne 8-9 P Robinson 84
506 (3) 533 SELF RELIANCE 10 (Mrs R Pilkington) M Bell 8-9 M Fenton 93
507 (4) 0-53 SHIFT AGAIN 22 (Beckram Oak Holdings) W Jarvis 8-9 J Reid 99

BETTING: 9-4 Shift Again, 3-1 Self Reliance, Light Fantastic, 5-1 Nyali Beach, Ron's Secret, 12-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PORTLAND WAY best effort 11l 9th of 15 to Samana Cay in seller at Folkestone (7f, good to firm). LIGHT FANTASTIC by Deploy out of a dam who stayed 1m. Half-sister to a couple of winners, most notably 1m winner Very Bold. MRS TIGGER 13l 7th to Chance Bid in nursery here (7f, firm) on last turf outing. NYALI BEACH around 6l 6th of 20 to Akrapa in a claimer at Salisbury (7f, good). RON'S SECRET 6½l 5th 9 to Marguerite Bay in maiden at Goodwood (7f, firm). SELF RELIANCE 1¼l 3rd 13 to Jaffazi in maiden at Bath (1m, good to firm). SHIFT AGAIN 2¾l 3rd of 12 to Dream Ticket in maiden at Chester (7f, good to firm).
Selection: SHIFT AGAIN

4.40 CLAYTON HANDICAP (£3,245: 5f 213yd) (8 runners)

601 (2) 00-4151 TAFAHHUS 6 (CD,F) (H Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-10-2 (7ex) W Carson 97
602 (8) 140232 ANOTHER JADE 7 (CD,G,S) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 5-9-13 T Quinn 95
603 (6) 0-04519 DAHIYAH 6 (V,BF,CD,F) (B Pennick) G L Moore 4-9-13 A Whelan (5) 90
604 (5) 00-0004 SAMSOLOM 6 (CD,F,G) (C Hammond) P Howling 7-9-13 Paul Eddery 89
605 (3) 112030 TYRIAN PURPLE 56 (B,D,F,G,S) (T O'Flaherty) T Naughton 7-9-8 G Carter 86
606 (7) 230002 NIGHT ASSET 6 (D,G) (R Sigel) J O'Donoghue 6-9-0 P McCabe (5) 99
607 (1) 560240 WORDS OF WISDOM 7 (G) (M Morrison) C Cyzer 5-8-11 J Reid 90
608 (4) 6240-40 CEDAR GIRL 10 (D,F) (R Hodges) R Hodges 3-8-9 B Doyle 81

BETTING: 5-2 Tafahhus, 3-1 Another Jade, 4-1 Night Asset, 6-1 Dahiyah, 7-1 Samsolom, 8-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

TAFAHHUS beat NIGHT ASSET (7lb better off) 1¼l in 10-runner handicap over course and distance with SAMSOLOM (7lb better off) 5l 4th and DAHIYAH (7lb better off) 6¾l 9th. ANOTHER JADE head 2nd of 13 to Mazzarello in apprentice handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to firm). DAHIYAH beat Eagle Day 3l in a 16-runner maiden handicap over course and distance (firm) on penultimate start. TYRIAN PURPLE 2½l 3rd of 5 to Primula Bairn in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f) on penultimate start. CEDAR GIRL around 4l 4th of 13 to Emphatic Candidate in claimer here (7f, firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: NIGHT ASSET

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
C Benstead	4	13	30.8	P McCabe	5	17	29.4
R Armstrong	5	20	25.0	W Carson	38	143	26.6
R Akehurst	22	92	23.9	T Quinn	42	216	19.4
J White	9	38	23.7	P Robinson	6	36	16.7
B Meehan	11	47	23.4	B Doyle	9	60	15.0
R Hannon	43	199	21.6	A Whelan	3	21	14.3

BLINKERED FIRST TIME

BRIGHTON: 3.10 Respectable Jones. 3.40 Boundless. CARLISLE: 3.20 Harry Browne. 3.50 Matisse. 4.20 Light Movement. HEREFORD: 7.00 Nanda Moon. Woodlands Genhire. 8.00 Gordon's Pet. 8.30 Some Dream, Timells Brook. 9.00 La Raptotte. UTTOXETER: 2.00 Finnow Quay.

☐ Diffident, trained by André Fabre, returns to sprinting in the group two Prix du Gros-Chene over five furlongs at Chantilly today. After an impressive win in the European Free Handicap at Newmarket, he could finish only sixth behind Pennekamp over a mile in the Madagans 2,000 Guineas. He faces four British rivals, Millyant, Palacegate Episode, Great Deeds and Risky.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TAFAHHUS
(4.40 Brighton)
Next best: Feinte
(2.50 Carlisle)

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YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Folkestone

Going: good to firm

2.15 (5f) 1, Hever Golf Express (Paul Eddery, 9-4); 2, Hurricane Dancer (100-30); 3, Meltonby (20-1); Autobabble 11-10 fav. 6 ran. 1½l, 1½l. T Naughton. Tote: £4.00; £1.30, £1.50. DF: £6.80. CSF: £9.38.

2.45 (5f) 1, Bashful Brave (M Rimmer, 9-4 fav); 2, Texas Cowgirl (5-1); 3, Tachycardia (18-1). 9 ran. NR: Young Sensation. Nk, hd. J Payne. Tote: £2.70; £1.40, £3.20, £1.90. DF: £17.70. Trio: £64.70. CSF: £12.34. Tricast: £115.97.

3.15 (1m 4f) 1, Kayyan Dawn (T Quinn, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Charlie Bigtime (8-1); 3, Ikhtiraa (5-1). Royal Rabbit 3-1 jt-fav. 9 ran. Sh hd, 4l. R Akehurst. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £1.30, £2.60. DF: £13.50. Trio: £13.80. CSF: £25.56.

3.45 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Pistol (Paul Eddery, 8-1); 2, Dont Shoot Fairies (14-1); 3, Daytona Beach (11-1). Pirrin 5-2 fav. 12 ran. NR: I'm Outa Here. ¾l, nk. C Horgan. Tote: £10.70; £3.20, £4.10, £4.60. DF: £35.70. Trio: £75.00. CSF: £104.15. Tricast: £1,129.83.

4.15 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Shabanaz (Stephen Davies, 10-11 fav); 2, Pillow Talk (9-2); 3, Mim-Lou-And (33-1). 8 ran. 2½l, ¾l. W Muir. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £4.50. CSF: £5.54.

4.45 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Guesstimation (G Bardwell, 3-1); 2, Kirov Protege (4-1); 3, Head For Heaven (25-1). Owdbetts 7-4 fav. 8 ran. Nk, hd. J Pearce. Tote: £3.50; £1.60, £1.30, £2.80. DF: £8.10. CSF: £14.84.

5.15 (6f 189yd) 1, Shen Yang (B Rouse, 5-2 fav); 2, Mo's Star (11-4); 3, Md Thompson (25-1). 7 ran. 6l, 2½l. G L Moore. Tote: £3.00; £1.90, £2.30. DF: £3.60. CSF: £9.29.

Placepot: £128.60. Quadpot: £20.00.

Cartmel

Going: good, good to soft in places

2.00 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Izza (J Supple, 33-1); 2, Reigning Royal (12-1); 3, Tancred Mischief (33-1). Miss Man-Jong 10-11 fav. 13 ran. NR: Nile Sprite. 2½l, 3½l. W Storey. Tote: £22.70; £3.40, £3.80, £16.20. DF: £124.90. Trio: not won (pool of £411.14 carried forward to 3.10 Brighton today). CSF: £354.76.

2.30 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Precipice Run (M Dwyer, 6-5 fav); 2, Rupples (4-1); 3, Bishopdale (9-1). 6 ran. 4l, 15l. G Richards. Tote: £2.10; £1.60, £1.70. DF: £4.60. CSF: £6.26.

3.00 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Run For Nick (Mr T Morrison, 4-1); 2, Salinger (11-10 fav); 3, Fiery Sun (10-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 8l. Miss Z Green. Tote: £5.50; £1.90, £1.50. DF: £4.50. CSF: £8.75.

3.30 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Robins Pride (M A Fitzgerald, 4-1); 2, Cee-Jay-Ay (6-4 fav); 3, Paradise Row (9-2). 11 ran. 9l, 5l. C Popham. Tote: £4.50; £1.20, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £7.10. Trio: £9.40. CSF: £10.45.

4.00 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, The Toaster (M Dwyer, 4-6 fav); 2, Gottnamora (9-2); 3, Shawwell (3-1). 4 ran. 2l, 30l. J Quinn. Tote: £1.70. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.09.

4.30 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Imad (Mr R Lawther, 6-4); 2, Father O'Brien (Evens fav); 3, My Matcho Man (25-1). 7 ran. 7l, 10l. J White. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.35.

Placepot: £615.80.
Quadpot: £5.50.

Tuesday's late results

Sandown Park

Going: good, soft after 7.25

6.25 (1m 14yd) 1, Yubralee (W R Swinburn, 4-1); 2, Komodo (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Profit Release (4-1). Top Pot 7-2 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Nita's Choice. 4l, 1¼l. M Stoute. Tote: £5.30; £1.90, £1.20, £1.40. DF: £7.40. Trio: £8.40. CSF: £16.50.

6.55 (1m 3f 91yd) 1, Kimbridge Knight (Pat Eddery, 9-4 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Polydamas (5-1); 3, Flight Master (12-1). 11 ran. NR: Braydon Forest. Hd, sh hd. P Walwyn. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £2.00, £2.10. DF: £9.70. Trio: £51.70. CSF: £14.28. Tricast: £106.66.

7.25 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Kilcoran Bay (Pat Eddery, 2-1 fav); 2, Dr Zhivago (8-1); 3, Yarrow (11-2). 13 ran. NR: Balasara, Kyrenia Times, Ruthy's Romance. Nk, 2l. I Balding. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £1.80, £2.30. DF: £8.20. Trio: £12.20. CSF: £15.90. Balasara (9-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 10p in pound.

7.55 (5f) 1, Amaretto Bay (M J Kinane, 10-1); 2, Cayman Kai (Evens fav); 3, Whicksey Perry (4-1). 6 ran. ¾l, 2l. B Meehan. Tote: £10.00; £2.30, £1.60. DF: £6.10. CSF: £19.49.

8.25 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Alrifa (Pat Eddery, 11-2); 2, Just Happy (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Nicolotte (4-1). La Confederation 9-4 jt-fav. 7 ran. 1¾l, hd. R Hannon. Tote: £5.60; £2.70, £2.00. DF: £8.20. CSF: £18.28.

8.55 (1m 6f) 1, Embracing (K Darley, 2-1 fav); 2, Requested (5-1); 3, Euro Forum (8-1). 9 ran. NR: Tarthooth, Wild Strawberry. 2l, nk. M Stoute. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £7.10. Trio: £14.80. CSF: £12.91. Tricast: £83.75.

Placepot: £12.60. Quadpot: £4.00.

Hexham

Going: good to firm

6.40 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Malachite Green (Mr D Parker, 4-1); 2, Croudalo Grey (14-1); 3, Mick Hunter (20-1). New Charges 5-2 fav. 13 ran. 15l, nk. M Hammond. Tote: £5.30; £1.70, £3.60, £8.80. DF: £26.60. Trio: £135.80. CSF: £53.74.

7.10 (2m hdle) 1, Sharp Sensation (G Harker, 5-4 fav); 2, Electric Committee (7-1); 3, Supreme Soviet (9-2). 10 ran. ½l, 2½l. W Barker. Tote: £2.20; £1.50, £2.20, £2.10. DF: £7.60. Trio: £24.60. CSF: £10.43.

7.40 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Dizzy Dealer (N Smith, 16-1); 2, True Fair (8-1); 3, Charter Fair (16-1). Eden Stream 9-4 fav. 10 ran. 9l, 8l. R Barr. Tote: £18.70; £4.80, £2.10, £4.90. DF: £61.10. Trio: £70.20. CSF: £121.25.

8.10 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Mister Muddypaws (J F Titley, 11-10 fav); 2, Butler John (2-1); 3, Whitley Mom (33-1). 10 ran. 12l, 20l. J Johnson. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.40, £8.00. DF: £2.10. Trio: £47.40. CSF: £4.05.

8.40 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Mils Mij (P Niven, 15-8 fav); 2, Lady Blakeney (20-1); 3, Clever Folly (8-1). 12 ran. 3l, 2½l. T Cuthbert. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £4.70, £3.30. DF: £36.30. Trio: £253.80. CSF: £35.77. Tricast: £227.85.

9.10 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Casual Pass (F Perratt, 7-1); 2, Snow Board (100-30); 3, Tighter Budget (9-4 fav). 9 ran. NR: Khanl. 5l, 2l. L Lungo. Tote: £21.70; £2.20, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £36.20. Trio: £22.50. CSF: £28.63. Tricast: £62.64.

Placepot: £226.50. Quadpot: not won.

Australia fade after opening surge

Australia 27
Canada 11

FROM DAVID MILLER IN PORT ELIZABETH

THE margin between the acknowledged top eight rugby nations and the rest is often substantial on the field, so this stirring performance by Canada amounted to a moral victory. Throughout much of the second half they ran the world champions ragged, and deserved another two tries at least for their sustained pressure.

Australia, anxious to rediscover their touch after an emotional mauling by South Africa, were slick enough for the first quarter of an hour or so, quickly leading 17-0 with intimidating tries by Tabua, their flanker, and Roff, a powerful winger making his first appearance. Then their problems began.

Canada, inspired by Rees, their stand-off half, and by their back row of Charron, MacKinnon and, in particular, Hutchinson, harried and tackled Australia at every turn, allowing them neither time nor space.

The defending champions' only subsequent spell of sustained coherence came early in the second half with five successive scrummages close to the Canadian line, which led to a third try by Lynagh, their captain.

Bob Dwyer, the Australia coach, was relieved by the victory but admitted: "When we couldn't get any quick ball, the game became a bit of a bun fight and our structure fell away, but Canada are a good side." Lynagh thought the opening spell was of a standard approaching what they will need from the quarter-final onwards. Of some concern are injuries to Ofahengaue, a rampaging flanker, and Kearns, the hooker, both doubtful for the match against Romania. More encouraging was the clean performance by Burke, in at full back for Pini, and the running and handling of Horan, back after injury, and Roff — when they got the ball.



Rowlands, of Canada, goes in low to stop a determined charge by Ofahengaue, who has Tabua in support. Photograph: Mark Baker

Initially Slattery, deputy for Gregan at scrum half, and Lynagh let the ball flow, and Canada were always in difficulty when Australia spread it wide. Subsequently, Lynagh often opted for reverse-pass moves with the back row, which brought little joy against resolute defence.

John Graf, the Canada scrum half, the variation of whose quick, long passing was a lesson to try-starved England, said: "We aimed to keep the ball on the pitch, because we have a fast back row and wouldn't compete well in the lineout. For the first 15 minutes we hardly touched the ball, but by half time we realised we could play against them [on even terms]."

The Australians complained, politely, about the rucking interpretation by Robin, the French referee, who penalised any semblance of boot-on-prostrate-body, which allowed Canada to frustrate the opposition by slowing the release of the ball when they went down. Kearns was warned for raking.

Australia's opening try came after Daly, the prop, had driven forward on the left. Canada were offside in a ruck. Australia preferred a scrummage to a penalty kick and from a subsequent ruck Tabua forged across the line with three tacklers clinging to his limbs and back.

Three minutes later, from a ruck on halfway, Slattery got the line moving, Little made ground and fed Roff into space on the left. The towering winger strode irresistibly for the line. He may yet rival Lomu, of New Zealand, for the headlines.

Some of Australia's problems were self-inflicted. Six times in a row Campese, who made the occasional characteristic, weaving break, failed to find touch with long kicks. Lynagh and Burke were also guilty in this respect and found the ball returning with interest.

The crowd, many of them black, were increasingly behind Canada, who finally got their reward three minutes from time. After three penalty scrummages on the line, Charron, the No 8, found his way through a platoon of amber shirts. Before the finish, a thundering tackle by Stanley on the flying Campese brought the biggest cheer of the day.

Rees said afterwards that he thought Australia's individual skills would enable them to win the final.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Lynagh, Roff, Tabua. Conversions: Lynagh (3). Penalty goals: Lynagh (2). Canada: Try: Charron Penalty goals: Rees (2).

AUSTRALIA: M Burke (NSW), J Roff (Australian Capital Territory), J Little (Queensland), T Horan (Queensland), D Campese (NSW); M Lynagh (Queensland, captain), P Slattery (Queensland); A Daly (NSW), P Kearns (NSW), M Hartill (NSW), W Ofahengaue (NSW), W Waugh (NSW), J Eales (Queensland), I Tabua (Queensland), T Gavin (NSW) Hartill replaced by E McKenzie (NSW, 55min); Kearns replaced by M Foley (Queensland, 70); Slattery replaced by G Gregan (Australia Capital Territory, 80).

CANADA: S Stewart (UBCOB), W Stanley (UBC), C Stewart (Western Province), S Gray (Kats), D Lougheed (Toronto Welsh); G Rees (Newport, captain), J Graf (UBCOB); E Evans (UBCOB), K Svoboda (Ajax Wand), R Snow (Doga), J Hutchinson (UBCOB), M James (Burnaby Lake), G Rowlands (Velox Valhallans), G MacKinnon (Britannia Lions), A Charron (Ottawa Irish). Rowlands replaced by G Ennis (Kats, 70).

Referee: P Robin (France).

Irish power game subdues Japanese flair

Ireland 50
Japan 28

FROM JOHN HOPKINS IN BLOEMFONTEIN

THE virtues of these two rugby nations were on show at Bloemfontein yesterday, but so were the vices. For most of this match, Ireland were in control, scoring five tries, while their dominance in the scrums was such that they received the rare bonus of two penalty tries, punishing Japan for constantly dropping scrums directly in front of their posts.

However, every so often, Ireland's natural brawn was of no avail as their forwards and backs alike were made to look leaden-footed and slow-thinking by the speed of a Japanese counter-attack. It made for a frantic game, one in which a point was scored almost every minute.

Ireland anticipated there would be spells when they had supremacy in the scrums and were winning as much lineout ball as they wanted, and so there were. They moved comfortably ahead and led 19-0 after 30 minutes, their game based on good driving play by their forwards. Worries that there would be a reaction to their stirring performance against New Zealand four days earlier were forgotten.

Yet Ireland also knew that so as long as the ball remains in play, the Japanese will find a way to move it quickly. Japanese teams have done this for years and yesterday men like Tsutomu Matsuda, the full back, Seijo Hirao, the stand-off half, and Yoshihito Yoshida all proved themselves speedy and elusive runners. Now that they have added a steely, speedy edge through Lopeti Oto, a Tongan on the right wing, and two other Tongans, Sione and Sinali Latu at No 8 and blind-side flanker, they have more physical presence.

Sure enough, it was Sinali Latu who scored Japan's first try, driving through the tackle of Paddy Johns, and it was another powerful burst by Latu, this time sending Terry Kingston toppling backwards like a man losing his balance on an icy road, that cleared the way for Ko Izawa to score.

Two tries in four minutes put a rather different complexion on matters.

Japan's weakness in the scrums cannot be hidden, however, and when they collapsed three of them on their own line soon after half-time, the referee, Stef Neethling, awarded Ireland a penalty try. Midway through the half, this was repeated. This time there were four successive scrums before Neethling had had enough and awarded a second penalty try. Japan had given away 14 points.

Ireland have sent for Shane Byrne, a hooker who plays for Blackrock College, to replace Keith Wood, who injured his right shoulder once again in the early stages of yesterday's match. Byrne will provide cover for Kingston in the last match in this Pool against Wales on Sunday.

SCORERS: Ireland: Tries: Corkery, France, Geoghegan, Halvey, Hogan, penalty tries (2). Conversions: Burke (5). Penalty goal: Burke. Japan: Tries: Sinali Latu, Izawa, Hirao, Takura. Conversions: Y Yoshida (4).

IRELAND: C O'Shea (Lansdowne); R Wallace (Garryowen), B Mullin (Blackrock College), M Field (Malone), S Geoghegan (Bath), P Burke (Cork Constitution), N Hogan (Terenure); N Popplewell (Wasps, captain), K Wood (Garryowen), P Wallace (Blackrock College), D Corkery (Cork Constitution), D Tweed (Ballymena), N Francis (Old Belvedere), E Halvey (Shannon), P Johns (Dungannon). Wood replaced by T Kingston (Dolphin, 8min); Tweed replaced by A Foley (Shannon, 74)

JAPAN: T Matsuda (Toshiba Fuchu); L Oti (Daito Bunka University), A Yoshida (Kobe Steel), Y Motoki (Kobe Steel), Y Yoshida (Isetan); S Hirao (Kobe Steel), M Horikoshi (Kobe Steel); M Takura (Mitsubishi Motor), M Kunda (Toshiba Fuchu, captain), O Ota (NEC), Sione Latu (Daito Bunka University), Y Sakuraba (Nippon Steel), B Ferguson (Hino Motor), H Kajihara (Katsunuma), Sinali Latu (Sanyo Electric). Sione Latu replaced by K Izawa (Daito Bunka University, 8).

Referee: S Neethling (South Africa).

Samoans to bring in replacement as Kellet is ruled out

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SAM KALETA, the New Zealand-based loose forward, is being sent to Western Samoa's World Cup team after Darren Kellett, the side's top kicker, Shem Tatupu and Junior Paramore were ruled out of the next match following injury in the 32-26 victory over Argentina in East London on Tuesday.

Although Western Samoa virtually clinched a quarter-final berth, Kellett, the stand-off half, dislocated his shoulder and will miss the rest of the tournament. He scored 17 points in Western Samoa's victories, making him the team's leading scorer.

Faitala Talapusi, the Western Samoan Rugby Football Union executive director, said that Kaleta had already left New Zealand to boost the squad. Tatupu had a strained shoulder muscle while Paramore has a wrist fracture, he said. Kaleta, 29, played for Manu Samoa against Tonga last year and has also represented Japan.

Fata Sini or Esera Puleitu are considered likely candidates to replace Kellett. Mike Umaga, the fullback, is expected to assume kicking duties. Western Samoa play England on Sunday in the final pool B match, and are then expected to face either South Africa or the defending champions, Australia, in the quarter-finals.

The team management, however, fear that the side's success will, in the long run, prove harmful to their national rugby. They expect that not only will scouts move in with offers from rugby league, but that the move toward player payments in union will hasten the exodus of leading players to larger, wealthier countries.

"Rugby will still go on at home, but at international level it will suffer," the team's adviser, Bryan Williams, said. His team has already lost players to both the All Blacks and rugby league. Brian Lima, the wing, was on the point of signing a professional contract shortly before the start of the World Cup.

Kellett, however, insisted that professionalism in Union was the answer. "I would like it to go professional," he said. "That would be sure to keep away the rugby league scouts."

The Samoan World Cup success follows recent heavy defeats to Australia and South Africa. Kellett, however, attributed those reverses to Western Samoa's limited experience in international rugby. "It was the first time that we had played South Africa and only the second against Australia," he said.

S Africa set out to develop talent in townships

SKINNY black children in threadbare clothes looked up at new champions yesterday — the white giants of South African rugby who came to their township to spread the word about their game. Francois Pienaar, the captain, signed autographs, posed patiently for photographs and answered questions about rugby as youngsters tugged at his shirt and chanted his name.

The visit to Guguletu, a sprawling black township outside Cape Town, was part of a South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu) plan to promote the sport in areas it ignored during the apartheid era.

Even the Sowetan newspaper, the nation's largest black daily, has featured World Cup coverage on its front page and rugby officials insist that events such as this visit are more than merely cosmetic change. Their hope is that fresh talent from among the 30 million black majority will safeguard South Africa's renewed status as a world rugby power.

"We have taken the blinkers off," Edward Griffiths, Sarfu's chief executive officer, said. "We've always looked for talent in elite areas. We've never looked for talent in neglected areas."

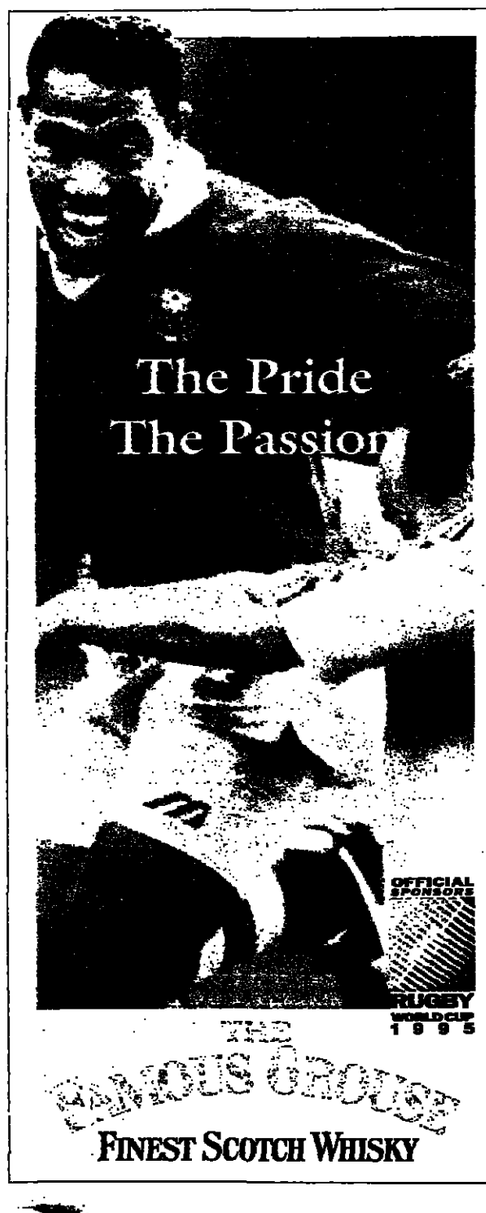
Now the challenge is gaining access: "Our big problem is that we are not trusted in these communities," Griffiths said. "We have neglected them for a long time, but now we are determined to earn that trust and change the face of South African rugby."

Judging from the enthusiasm of the youngsters who gathered around Pienaar, his team-mates, Marius Hurter and Johan Roux, and the South Africa manager, Morné du Plessis, at the desolate, vandalised NY49 rugby field yesterday, the plan is enjoying some success.

"The Springboks are playing very well. I believe they can win this World Cup," Tshepo Khange, a 14-year-old high school student, said. "This is a new South Africa, so we all support them."

At one time, 18 black clubs used the field, but interest faded and the facilities fell into disrepair. The ground is one of 20 in underprivileged areas designated by Sarfu for refurbishment. It has promised to use 40 per cent of the estimated five million rand (about £925,000) in proceeds from the World Cup to promote rugby in poorer areas.

Proposals have been made to enforce quotas for black players on junior Springbok teams in the future, with a commitment that at least seven of the Under-21 side to visit Argentina in July will be black players.



Journey to the game that the World Cup forgot

CLEMENT FREUD IN SOUTH AFRICA

Ireland v Japan at Springbok Park in Bloemfontein yesterday had been the event on everyone's lips for some time. The fact is that if you wanted tickets for the World Cup final on June 24, you had to buy a package — and the package included seats for this game.

As most people want to go to the final and hardly anyone likes Bloemfontein, the tickets were worth their weight in lead. Over the past few days, a dozen people have offered me seats, and on Monday a friend told me he had 36 and it would really make him feel better if even one was used. As it meant a lot to him, I accepted: entrance five, row U, No 23.

Bloemfontein means "flower fountain". It is a typically African wishful-thinking name, for those are just two of the commodities in seriously short supply. Bloemfontein is in the centre of the Free State, 260 miles from Johannesburg. Planes are full. There is a train; it takes 14 hours. I ask why. They say why not?

There is a Greyhound bus. It makes the journey in six hours but leaves Bloemfontein ten minutes after the final whistle, and the bus office woman explained that she didn't know the distance from stadium to terminal. "I have not been to Bloemfontein."

Budget car rentals — "try us first" — will do a self-drive car for £20 a day plus 25 pence a kilometre; no inclusive prices for short-term contracts. How far is Bloemfontein? I don't know. There seems to be some kudos in not knowing anything about Bloemfontein.

A friend suggested a car and driver, and I am quoted £250. As I hesitate, the woman says the driver is white, very reliable, and does not smoke.

After 48 hours of endeavour I am waitlisted on the 6.45am flight and could definitely return on the 14.45. "Yees," the lady travel agent says. "You would miss the match. My name is Lynn." On Tuesday, Lynn rings to say: "I have got you on the 11am flight; return on the 1800 and there is a discount on the seat." I thank her. She says: "Are you English; do you know Stanley Matthews?"

The plane is only fullish. On arrival, I find one taxi at the airport and a passenger even more nimble than me gets to it first. The driver promises to ring for another cab and it arrives eventually.

Lunch in a restaurant called the Baron of Beef: I am invited to join a party by an Irish friend with whom I shared the second cab. He is entertaining the Chief Minister of Free State (they dropped Orange two months ago) and we eat 500-gramme rump steaks, and as these are served and it is 2.45 — and nobody is quite sure of the location of the stadium — we sing "Molly Malone", and our minister guest and the restaurant staff sing a song we do not understand, either. Hands are shaken.

The stadium is a 15-minute stagger away. It is empty. Well under 10,000 where there is seating for four times that number. About 100 Japanese, several hundred Irish and the rest locals, cheering for the underdog as is their way.

I find a seat next to three men from Dublin who say: "Is it yourself?"

I ask what I've missed. One tells me that the team came out and said: "If no one turns up, we'll be buggered if we play." The Irishmen are staying in Johannesburg, came on an early-morning plane, want to stay to celebrate the match, but there is no accommodation, so it's back on a late flight.

Bloemfontein has 1.2 million inhabitants so they are all right for people: just hotel rooms and taxis seem to be in short supply.

The gurus had pronounced that this would be a hard game to call: Ireland are unfit and uninnovative; the Japanese too small and too inexperienced. On the field of play there was much dropping of the ball by both sides, and the Japanese fell over a lot. In a messy, untidy, unorthodox game, which nevertheless had its moments, Neil Hogan scored a splendid late try and we enjoyed some dazzling runs from a diminutive Japanese No 10.

The crowd was not large enough to cause a crush on the way out; the same taxi that brought me fortuitously cruised by and took me back to the airport, which is an engaging place. I should quite like to buy it, in my wife's name for tax purposes, and I would change little. You don't mess with Bloemfontein.

For choice, you don't really want to go to Bloemfontein; could it be that I am going native?

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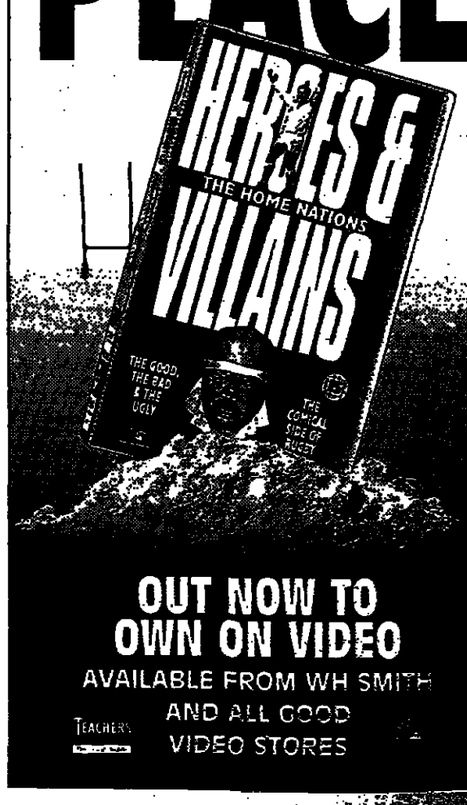
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Atherton's style wins approval of Torrance

BY MEL WEBB

WHO was that strolling down the fairway with Sam Torrance? Wasn't it that cricketing chap, what was his name, Botham was it? And those other two, they were familiar, too, were they not? They were, and they provided the crowd at the pro-am before the Murphy's English Open with three more targets for the autograph hunters. For a couple of hours yesterday the golf, for some, was completely forgotten.

It is one of the small quirks of this sporting life that great players hold in thrall their equivalents in other fields of athletic endeavour. Darts players admire footballers; footballers idolise snooker players; snooker players look up to footballers, and here we go again. The one thing that seems to bind them all together is that they all want to be golfers.



Woosnam: despairing

Thus it was that Botham sauntered onto the first tee at the Forest of Arden in the company of Michael Atherton, the England cricket captain and Darren Gough, the young Yorkshire quick bowler who has, slightly prematurely, been labelled as the next Botham.

Gough does not pretend to be anything of the sort. It is too early for all that, he says, and he is right. One thing he does share with the fabled "Beefy", however, is his exuberance. He loves bowling fast, he gives it a rare thump when he bats and, if the evidence from his round was an indicator, he is equally keen on clouting the ball as hard as he can when he sets foot on the golf course.

Sadly, he does not yet have the skill of Botham there, either. Botham plays off seven, is keen to play county golf and may very well be good enough to do so one day. And Gough? "He gives it a swipe, then gives it another swipe," was Torrance's judgment. Enough said.

Atherton plays off 12 at Poulton, in Cheshire, and was described by Torrance in more glowing terms. "He's a lovely player," he said. Seeing that approval does not come easily from Torrance, who was raised in a hard school, this was praise indeed.

It has been reported in various quarters that Botham is intent on playing on the burgeoning European Seniors Tour when he reaches his half-century. He denied it. Would he be good enough, somebody asked Torrance? A sideways look and a terse "with a bit of work" was his brief but eloquent reply.

One of Botham's biggest friends in golf circles is Ian Woosnam, a former Open champion on this course. The Welshman is not going into the tournament with any great hopes of success, however.

He will play the first round today ever more desperate to iron out some deep-seated glitches that continue to bedevil his game. He has been hitting the ball miles left, too far right and nowhere near enough centre for longer than he cares to contemplate, and he is getting thoroughly fed up with himself.

Woosnam has come to the Forest of Arden filled with apprehension about his swing. He says he does not know where the ball is going to go when he stands over it and adds that he has not played well since 1991, for all that he has had five European Tour wins in that time.

"I have felt things were right for a week or two, but not for six months," he said glumly. "I've been battling with it for years. If I start playing well my confidence will return instantly. If not, I'll just go down and down." Hardly the words of a man on the brink of a revival.

One thing is certain. If he plays like he has been in the US Open at Shinnecock Hills, with its narrow fairways and penal rough, in a couple of weeks' time, he might as well not bother, and the suspicion is that he knows it.

He has tried everything, and this week's remedy is to open up his stance in an effort to rid himself of a punishing straight block left. It might work, it might not. Perhaps he should ask his pal Botham for a tip. He has hit a straight six or two in his time.

TONY WHITE



The new-look, blond Gascoigne pauses for thought during his press conference at Bisham Abbey yesterday

Gascoigne offers rich contrast

Andrew Longmore is on hand as England's footballers see how the other half lives in an unusual excercise in equal opportunities

The England women's team trained alongside the men at Bisham Abbey yesterday, in preparation for the World Cup that begins in Sweden next week, but the platinum blond with the slender calves and the slim-fit waistline still hogged the spotlight. "With all that money, surely he can afford a decent wig," Karen Walker mused, peering at the Romanesque figure of Paul Gascoigne.

All in all, it was a difficult day for both sides. The women's team hovered self-consciously on the fringes of the action, while Gascoigne, flanked by Terry Venables, the England coach, spoke forcefully about the latest rebirth of his footballing career and about the importance of the forthcoming Umbro Cup, against Japan, Sweden and Brazil.

"It's a fresh start," Gascoigne said. "I feel like a young kid again, but I must have said this about ten times. If I can stay injury free, I can be as good a player again. I just need a little bit of luck."

Opinions varied about the wisdom of the joint-promotion. Some thought the efforts of the women's team in qualifying for the World Cup for the first time deserved more concentrated attention; others, including most of the women's team, viewed the occasion as a worthwhile public relations exercise, belated recognition of the growing status of the women's game, and a bit of a laugh besides. "It's a breath of fresh air for us," Walker said. And a chance to view a distant world of riches.

As Gascoigne contemplates how many noughts he wants on his pay cheque from his new employers — in Glasgow, presumably, though he was not saying — Clare Taylor was wondering how to make up £150 in lost wages for the week's unpaid leave from the Post Office. If she lines up in defence for England's opening World Cup game against Canada next Tuesday in Helsingborg, Taylor will complete a unique double, two years after she won a World Cup-winning medal with the England cricket team at Lord's. But competing in two world cups at two different sports does not pay the bills, for all the extra backing given to the women's game by the Football Association since it took over responsibility for women's football two years ago.

Taylor could have gone to play professional football in Italy, but for pocket money, not a proper wage. Yesterday, a brief glimpse of the hype surrounding Gascoigne prompted conflicting thoughts about the idea of changing places.

"It's difficult, coming from an amateur background, to visualise having to play football every day of the week — but I'd swap for the money," she said. "I'd love to spend a week being a professional footballer. By the same token, some of them might want to be a post driver for a week just to get away from it all."

Ted Copeland, the manager of the women's team, might have considered that an easy option as he endured an intense interrogation of his team selections. Had he sorted out his problems at left back? Why had he picked six girls from Croydon? Why had he changed the captaincy at such a late stage? This to a manager who had led his side to a world cup finals. Terry Venables and Gazza should count themselves lucky.

Stephenson handed two-year drugs ban

DAVID STEPHENSON, the Oldham hooker, has been banned for two years by the Rugby Football League (RFL) after testing positive for steroids. It is the maximum penalty for the offence, the fourth this season involving players taking banned substances or refusing to take tests.

Stephenson, 22, was tested after the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final against Wigan on March 25. The sample showed traces of nandrolone. Jamie Bloem, the Doncaster full back, was also banned for two years after testing positive for the same substance in December. An RFL spokesman said: "The league believed the player when he said he had taken the drug in the 1994 off-season, but they had to uphold the determination to eliminate drug abuse from the game."

☐ Queensland produced the biggest upset in 15 years of the State of Origin competition in Australia by beating New South Wales 20-12 in Melbourne yesterday to win the three-match series 2-0.

Fifa investigates bribes

FOOTBALL: Fifa, football's world governing body, yesterday decided to set up a commission of inquiry to investigate corruption in the sport. Joseph Blatter, Fifa's general secretary, said the commission would initially focus on incidents at the world youth championships in Qatar, where five people were deported after trying to bribe players. The executive committee also gave the formal go-ahead to introduce the sudden-death goal in extra time at the next World Cup finals in France in 1998.

☐ Halifax Town, of the Vauxhall Conference, were saved from closure yesterday when their creditors agreed to accept 41 pence in the pound over the next three and a half years.

Millennium Open host

GOLF: St Andrews, which plays host to its 25th Open Championship on July 20-23, will also stage the event in the year 2000. Royal Lytham is the venue next year, followed by Troon, Birkdale and then Carnoustie — for the first time since 1975 — in 1999, the Royal and Ancient announced yesterday. Muirfield will host the Amateur Championship in 1998; Hillside, Prestwick and Ganton will be the next three venues for the Mid-Amateur Championship after the inaugural event at Sunningdale in August.

Squad remains intact

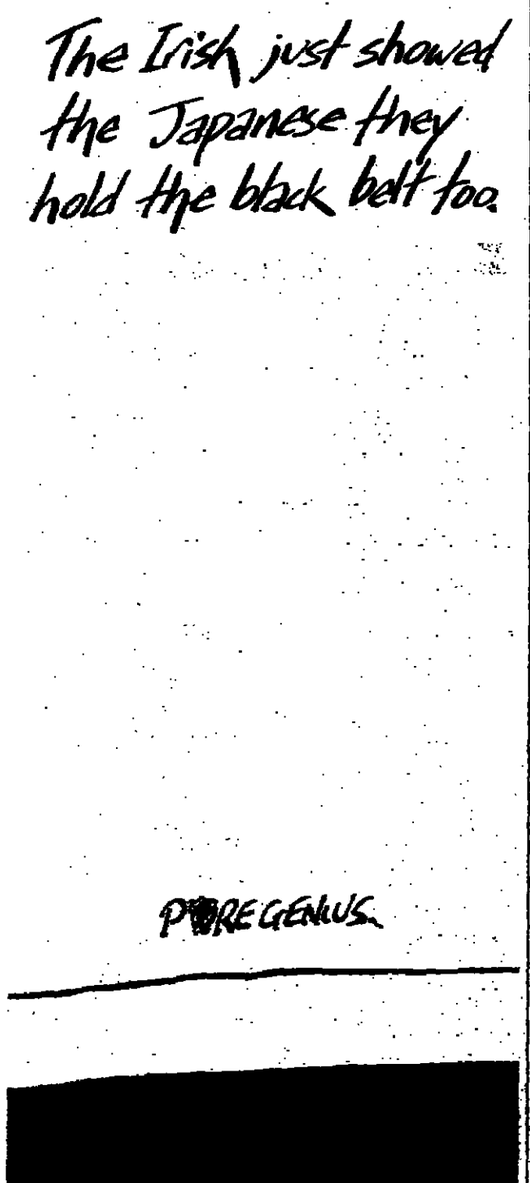
BOWLS: The England selectors have given a vote of confidence to the 24-man team that won the British team title in Ayr last summer, choosing the same squad for the home international series to be played in Llanelli from July 3 to 7 despite the poor form of several leading players in trials at the weekend. Among those chosen regardless of a poor showing in the trial on Sunday is Tony Allcock, the world outdoor singles champion, whose rink slumped to a 29-10 defeat to a quartet skipped by Danny Denison.

Zanette wet but happy

CYCLING: Denis Zanette, 25, won his first stage victory as a professional when he beat fellow-Italian, Giuseppe Guerini, in a two-man sprint finish yesterday to take the 18th stage of the Tour of Italy from Stradella to Santuario di Vicoforte, much of the day's racing taking place in wind and driving rain. Tony Rominger's position as race leader was never at risk, although he finished in the pack 15min 25sec behind the winner. There are four stages to go before the finish in Milan on Sunday.

Rosi fails dope test

BOXING: Gianfranco Rosi, of Italy, the World Boxing Organisation super-welterweight champion, has tested positive for banned amphetamines and faces a two-year ban that would almost certainly end his career. Rosi, 37, was tested on May 17 immediately after he beat the defending champion, Verno Phillips, of the United States, on points in Perugia. The results of the test by the Italian Boxing Federation have yet to be confirmed by analysis of the "B" sample. The boxer has denied taking banned drugs.



All times BST

YESTERDAY

Pool A

Australia	27	Canada	11

Australia: Tries: I Tabua, J Roff, M Lynagh. Cons: Lynagh 3. Pens: Lynagh 2. Canada: Try: Charron. Pens: Rees 2.
(Port Elizabeth)

Pool B

England	27	Italy	20

England: Tries: R Underwood, T Underwood. Con: Andrew. Pens: Andrew 5. Italy: Tries: Massimo Cuttitta, Vaccari. Cons: Dominguez 2. Pens: Dominguez 2.
(Durban)

Pool C

Ireland	50	Japan	28

Ireland: Tries: Corkery, Francis, Geoghegan, Halvey, Hogan, penalty tries 2. Cons: Burke 6, Penr: Burke. Japan: Tries: Sinali Latu, Izawa, Hirao, Takura. Cons: Yoshida 4.
(Bloemfontein)

Not including last night's match, New Zealand v Wales

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULT

Pool D

Scotland	41	Tonga	5

Scotland: Tries: Peters, G Hastings, S Hastings. Con: G Hastings. Pens: G Hastings 3. Tonga: Try: Fenukitau.
(Pretoria)

PROGRAMME

Pool A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Africa	2	2	0	0	48	26	5
Australia	2	1	0	1	45	38	4
Canada	2	1	0	1	45	30	4
Romania	2	0	0	2	11	55	2

RESULTS: South Africa 27 Australia 18 (Cape Town); Canada 34 Romania 3 (Port Elizabeth); South Africa 21 Romania 8 (Cape Town); Australia 27 Canada 11 (Port Elizabeth).

REMAINING MATCHES: June 3: Australia v Romania (Stellenbosch, 2.0pm); South Africa v Canada (Port Elizabeth, 7.0pm).

Pool B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Samoa	2	2	0	0	74	44	6
England	2	2	0	0	51	38	6
Argentina	2	0	0	2	44	56	2
Italy	2	0	0	2	38	69	2

RESULTS: Western Samoa 42 Italy 18 (East London); England 24 Argentina 18 (Durban); Western Samoa 32 Argentina 26 (East London); England 27 Italy 20(Durban).

REMAINING MATCHES: June 4: Argentina v Italy (East London, noon); England v Western Samoa (Durban, 7.0pm).

Pool C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ireland	2	1	0	1	89	71	4
Wales	1	1	0	0	57	10	3
New Zealand	1	1	0	0	43	19	3
Japan	2	0	0	2	38	107	2

RUGBY WORLD CUP

RESULTS: Wales 57 Japan 10; New Zealand 43 Ireland 19; Ireland 50 Japan 28 (Bloemfontein). Not including last night's match New Zealand v Wales.

REMAINING MATCHES: June 4: New Zealand v Japan (Bloemfontein, 2.0pm); Ireland v Wales (Johannesburg, 4.0pm).

Pool D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	2	2	0	0	130	5	6
France	2	2	0	0	92	28	6
Tonga	2	0	0	2	15	79	2
Ivory Coast	2	0	0	2	18	143	2

RESULTS: Scotland 89 Ivory Coast 0 (Rustenburg); France 38 Tonga 10 (Pretoria); France 54 v Ivory Coast 18 (Rustenburg); Scotland 41 Tonga 5 (Pretoria).

REMAINING MATCHES: June 3: Tonga v Ivory Coast (Rustenburg, noon); Scotland v France (Pretoria, 4pm).

Top two in each pool qualify for quarter-finals. In pool matches, three points are awarded for a win, two for a draw, one for a loss and none for failing to appear. If teams finish level on points, the result between them will determine the higher placing; if that was drawn, the number of tries scored will determine.

Quarter-finals

June 10: pool D winner v pool C runner-up, Durban (noon); pool A winner v pool B runner-up, Johannesburg (2.30pm).

June 11: pool B winner v pool A runner-up, Cape Town (noon); pool C winner v pool D runner-up, Pretoria (2.30pm).

Semi-finals

June 17: Durban winner v Johannesburg winner, Durban (2pm).

June 18: Cape Town winner v Pretoria winner, Cape Town (2pm).

Third-place play-off

June 22: Pretoria (4pm).

Final

June 24: Johannesburg (2pm).

Player	T	P	D	C	Pts
Gavin Hastings (Scot)	5	10	0	10	75
T Lacroix (Fr)	–	4	5	0	5	45
R Andrew (Eng)	–	0	11	2	1	41
D Kellett (W Samoa)	–	1	7	0	4	34

(Not including New Zealand v Wales)

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Stayman

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The notion of using Two Clubs in response to 1NT in a conventional way is an obvious one, and like the evolution of the eye occurred several times independently. The noted British player Jack Marx thought of it, as did George Rapee in America, but as the original article on the subject was by the eponymous Sam in 1945, his name became attached to it. The basic idea is that when your partner opens 1NT, a bid of Two Clubs asks him to bid a four card major suit if he has it. Otherwise the opener bids Two Diamonds. The following hand illustrates the point. Your partner opens 1NT (12 - 14 points).

♠Q842 ♥5 ♦AK43 ♣A853

With this hand you bid Two Clubs, and if your partner bids Two Spades you raise to Four Spades. If he bids Two Diamonds or Two Hearts you bid 3NT.

Now have a look at a typical 1NT opening:

♠K1093 ♥A632 ♦QJ5 ♣Q2

Your partner responds Two Clubs, you bid Two Hearts (it is standard practice when replying to Stayman to bid Two Hearts if you have both majors), and your partner bids 3NT. What do you do now? You bid Four Spades. Your partner must have a four card major to use Stayman; it isn't hearts, or else he would have raised that suit. So it must be spades. If you look at how this hand will play opposite the first hand I gave, you will see that Four Spades is an excellent contract, but 3NT is likely to go off on a heart lead. The principal use of Stayman is to find four-four major fits. If as responder you have a five card major, it is normally correct to bid it directly over 1NT. However, if you are five-four in the majors it is sometimes appropriate to use Stayman. Look at this example, over a 2NT opening:

♠Q842 ♥Q9532 ♦5 ♣763

You bid Three Clubs (used in the same sense as over 1NT). If the opener bids a major you raise to Four, and if he bids Three Diamonds (no four-card major) you bid Three Hearts. Your partner will know this shows five, as clearly you wouldn't bid on four when you know he has at most three.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Fine Defence

After a superb defensive and counterattacking performance in the fourth round Garry Kasparov has seized the lead in the Novgorod PCA Classic, where the prize fund is $120,000.

Kasparov's rating average on the games so far is an astonishing 2,902 on the international scale. Nigel Short, who is also playing well, has so far averaged a rating of 2,743.

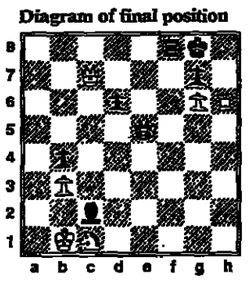
White: Veselin Topalov
Black: Garry Kasparov
Novgorod, May 1995

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	e6
5	Nc3	d6
6	Be3	Nf6
7	f3	Be7
8	Qd2	0-0
9	g4	a6
10	0-0-0	Nxd4
11	Bxd4	b5
12	Kb1	Bb7
13	h4	Rc8
14	g5	Nd7
15	a3	Ne5
16	Qe3	Nc4
17	Bxc4	Rxc4
18	Rhg1	b4
19	axb4	Rxb4
20	Rg2	Ba8
21	b3	a5
22	h5	Qc7
23	Bf6	Rfb8
24	Bxe7	Qxe7
25	Rd4	e5
26	Rxb4	axb4
27	Na2	Qc7
28	Qd3	Kf8
29	g6	fxg6
30	hxg6	h6
31	f4	exd4
32	Rf2	Kg8
33	Rd4	Qc5
34	Rf1	Qb5
35	Rc1	Qe5
36	Qc4+	Kh8
37	Rh1	Bxe4
38	Qc7	Rf8
39	Rxh6+	Kg8
40	Nc1	Bxc2+

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Miles wins

Tony Miles, the British Grandmaster, won first prize, a point clear of the field, in the category 11 tournament in Matanzos, Cuba.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

VILLOUS
a. Disgraceful
b. The condition of a villein
c. Hairy

WAYZGOOSE
a. The domesticated goose
b. A printer's beano
c. A Pawnee medicine man

YOUNGTH
a. Being young
b. A Yangtse boat
c. A Buddhist mantra

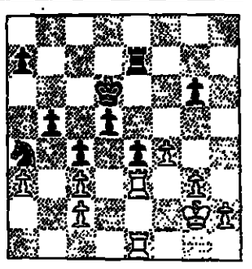
VIMINEOUS
a. Twiggy
b. Spiteful
c. By the roadside

Answers on page 46

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Antoshin - Botvinnik, Moscow 1955. Here Black, who is a rook for knight down, looks to be in trouble. However, he found a clever way to turn the tables. Can you see what he played?



Solution on page 46

Outsider crushes American's hopes of joining ranks of grand slam greats

Sampras slips up on dreaded red clay

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

PETE SAMPRAS'S ambition this year was to infiltrate an elite group. Changing his usual schedule to refine his clay-court game, he determined to join the ranks of Fred Perry, Don Budge, Roy Emerson and Rod Laver, the only men to have collected all of the four grand slam championships.

Andre Agassi, Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg can still aspire to become the fifth to achieve the feat a week on Sunday, but Sampras, the No 2 seed, was instead relegated to smaller, less distinguished company when he was knocked out in the first round of the French Open.

The only others of such stature to have suffered the indignity were Ilie Nastase in 1972, Manuel Orantes in 1975 and Becker in 1990. It was inflicted on the centre court in two stages by Gilbert Schaller in the gloomy dusk of Tuesday night and the warm sunshine of yesterday afternoon.

Sampras confesses to being uncomfortable on clay and, in an attempt to prepare himself for the pulverised red brick of Roland Garros, he had agreed to stay in Europe for a couple of months. Under normal circumstances, he would have spent at least part of the spring in Asia.

Yet, as his plans to seize the elusive title were unravelled, he was forced to contemplate the possibility that he may have also damaged his hopes of defending the Wimbledon crown. His belief, after successive defeats in Hamburg, Rome and now here, is receding.

So, perhaps, is his stamina. After each of his setbacks, he has chosen to return home to Florida rather than prolong his overseas visit. Today, he is to complete his tenth flight across the Atlantic within the last two months and next week he will catch his eleventh.

Before returning to London to play at Queen's Club, he intends to see Tim Gullickson, his coach, who is recuperating from brain surgery, and reflect on the latest in a sequence of dispiriting losses. The Italian Open champion and French Open quarter-finalist of last year, he appears to have regressed.

Plainly yet to learn the benefit of patience, an essential element on the slower surface, he has been spraying wild errors all over Spain, Monte Carlo, Italy and France. His forehand, in particular, has been uncharacteristically unreliable.

Against Schaller, a 26-year-old Austrian who had already beaten Sergi Brugera, Michael Stich and Yevgeny Kafelnikov this year, he was again too reckless. "I had my chances and came up short," he proclaimed. "That has been the story of my clay-court season."

He was unfortunate that the light faded as he was gathering momentum on Tuesday night. After dropping the opening set, he was leading 3-1 in the third when play was suspended. On the resumption, he immediately lost his serve and, with it, the initiative.

He seemed to have regained it when, from 1-4 in the fifth set, he won three games in a row, but more mistakes (he committed 99 unforced errors and ten double faults) contributed to his downfall as, broken for the ninth time, he went down 7-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4 in four hours.

Schaller's victory has opened up the bottom half of the draw, to the benefit especially of Bruguera, the No 7 seed and the champion for the last two years. The Austrian himself could prosper, too, three years after considering whether or not to retire.

He changed his forehand grip and told his wife that he would have one last go at breaking into the top 200. He exceeded initial expectations and has since climbed to No 24 in the world, the peak of a career that he attributes to the inspiration of Mats Wilander.

Richard Krajicek was the only other men's seed to fall. The No 15, he was eliminated by Andrew Ilie, an unknown 19-year-old Australian who came through the qualifying competition and won his fifth match of the past week 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

A girl five years younger than Ilie but already well established made yesterday's principal impact in the women's championship. Martina Hingis has been a professional since October, but there are perhaps only five women she is now probably incapable of beating. For the second time in a month, she defeated the comparatively vastly experienced Judith Wiesner, ranked No 22, one place above her. It was not easy, though. Hingis had to save three match points before going through 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

She was kept on court for a quarter of an hour longer than the two hours she is permitted to practice. The junior champion here for the last two years, it is merely a matter of time before she captures the senior title. Sampras cannot regard a triumph here as so inevitable.

ERIC CAILLARD



Schaller celebrates his unexpected first-round defeat of Sampras, the No 2 seed, at Roland Garros yesterday

RESULTS FROM PARIS

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: B Black (Zim) bt J Apell (Swe) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, 4-6, 10-8; J Van Herck (Bel) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-1, 6-4, 7-6; J Palmer (US) bt J Hasek (Switz) 4-6, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, 8-6; B Steven (NZ) bt C Ameno (Ger) 6-7, 6-2 disq; M Goellner (Ger) bt A Gaudenzi (It) 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4; E Alvarez (Sp) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr) 7-6, 6-2, 7-6; A Soetsch (Fr) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-2, 6-0, 6-2; M Bloh (Ger) bt M Damm (Cz) 7-6, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; T Martin (US) bt M Tebbutt (Aus) 6-2, 6-1, 7-6; R Reneberg (US) bt J Grabb (US) 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; M Woodforde (Aus) bt H Gumy (Arg) 6-4, 6-0, 6-3; T Guardiola (Fr) bt P Wekesa (Ken) 6-2 1-0 ret; M Larsson (Swe) bt J Arrese (Sp) 6-1, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt A Krickstein (US) 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; D Rikl (Cz) bt J Stark (US) 6-4, 7-6, 6-2; S Draper (Aus) bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; R Furlan (It) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; H Dreekmann (Ger) bt K Goossens (Bel) 6-4, 6-2, 5-7, 3-6, 6-4; G Schaller (Austria) bt P Sampras (US) 7-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; S Dosedel (Cz) bt O Mutis (Fr) 6-7, 7-5, 5-7, 7-6, 6-6. Second round: Y El Aynaoui (Mor) bt P McEnroe (US) 6-2, 6-1, 6-3; J Courier (US) bt K Carlsen (Den) 6-3, 6-4, 6-0; A Ilie (Aus) bt R Krajicek (Hol) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; C Ruud (Nor) bt D Johnson (US) 6-1, 6-4, 6-3; D Wheaton (US) bt E Sanchez (Sp) 5-7, 6-4, 7-6, 7-6; W Ferreira (SA) bt M Wilander (Swe) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-7, 8-6; V Kafelnikov (Russ) bt M Gustafsson (Swe) 6-3, 6-7, 6-1, 7-5; A Costa (Sp) bt G Raoux (Fr) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; F Clavet (Sp) bt T Champion (Fr) 6-2, 1-0 ret.

WOMEN'S SINGLES First round: S Appelmans (Bel) bt S Cecchini (It) 6-3, 6-4; C Mothes (Fr) bt M Werdel Witmeyer (US) 6-4, 6-1; M Pierce (Fr) bt N Bradtke (Aus) 6-1, 6-3; J Kruger (SA) bt K Kschwendt (Ger) 6-3, 6-4; A Frazier (US) bt N Medvedeva (Ukr) 6-1, 6-0; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt N Herreman (Fr) 6-4, 6-1; L Ghirardi (Fr) bt M Paz (Arg) 7-5, 6-1; A Serra-Zanetti (It) bt B Rittner (Ger) 7-5, 7-5; C Singer (Ger) bt K Rexford (Aus) 6-1, 1-6, 6-2; B Schultz (Hol) bt L Neiland (Lat) 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; S Pitkowski (Fr) bt T Ignatieva (Belo) 6-3, 6-4, M McGrath (US) bt A Temesvari (Hun) 6-4, 7-5; K Date (Japan) bt L Richterova (Cz) 6-2, 6-2; M de Swardt (SA) bt N Dechy (Fr) 6-1, 6-4; P Schwarz-Ritter (Austria) bt R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 6-4, 6-2; L Davenport (US) bt Min Tang (f-HK) 7-6, 6-0; J Novotna (Cz) bt S Dopfer (Austria) 6-1, 2-6, 6-1; M Hingis (Switz) bt J Wiesner (Austria) 2-6, 6-3, 7-5; S Testud (Fr) bt E de Lone (US) 7-5, 3-6, 8-6; E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 7-6, 6-2; V Basson (Fr) bt N van Lottum (Fr) 6-7, 7-5, 6-2. Second round: S Graf (Ger) bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-4, 6-3; G Sabatini (Arg) bt A Coetzer (SA) 7-5, 6-3; C Martinez (Sp) bt M Oremans (Hol) 6-2, 6-3, I Spirlea (Rom) bt C Mothes (Fr) 6-0, 6-1; V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) bt P Fendick (US) 7-5, 6-1; N Baudone (It) bt K Boogert (Hol) 6-4, 6-4.

Christie puts advice to test

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

FOR all his achievements, Linford Christie had to wait until this year before setting his first individual world record. When it came, he was no less delighted than he had been at his Olympic victory in 1992 and world championship win in 1993. Memories of that record will be recalled this evening.

Less than four months after he eclipsed the eight-year-old world indoor 200 metres mark in Lievin, Christie is back in northern France for his first race of the summer. The opposition in St Denis includes Frankie Fredericks, of Namibia, who ran Christie close when he set his world record, and again the distance is 200 metres.

Another Christie birthday has passed since the indoor season — he had his 35th in April — but we have learnt not to expect age to slow him down. Given that he has switched from the less challenging 100 metres, he must be confident of his form if he is prepared to face Fredericks, the outdoor world champion.

Fredericks, who recorded 20.26sec behind Christie's 20.25sec in Lievin, spent a month training with the Briton in Australia last winter. "I found I was running 200 metres completely wrong," Christie said. "Frankie told me a few secrets." He may run close to his seven-year-old best of 20.09sec this evening.

At the very least, Christie will want to defeat Jeff Williams, of the United States, who ran 20.19sec last year but could not hold Carl Lewis over 200 metres in New York last month. Anyone Lewis can beat, Christie should beat.

Steve Smith, who won Commonwealth Games and European championship silver medals last season, competes in a high-quality high jump. All three European medal winners are expected: Smith, Steiner Hoen, the champion from Norway, and Artur Partyka, of Poland, with whom Smith shared second place.



Christie: confident

The Briton with the hardest job is Peter Crampton in the 400 metres hurdles. With the exception of Danny Harris and Sven Nylander, all the world's best are assembling. Crampton could break 50 seconds and finish last.

His form will interest Britain's selectors because, with the European Cup only three weeks away, they will hope to see signs of continuing progress. After recording 50.34sec in 1993, his first season in the event, Crampton improved to 49.26sec last year, the ninth-fastest Briton on record.

He finished sixth in the European Cup and European championships, failing only narrowly to succeed Kriss Akabusi as British No 1. Gary Cadogan, who ran 49.07sec and beat 50 seconds more often than Crampton, is in pole position.

Oleg Tverdokhleb, the European champion from Ukraine, defeated Samuel Matete, the Commonwealth champion from Zambia, in a fast race for early-season in Bratislava on Tuesday and both are in St Denis.

Labegorce depend on Araujo

BY JOHN WATSON

LABEGORCE, Hubert Perrodo's team, who were receiving one on handicap, carried away the high-goal Duke of Edinburgh's Award Polo Trophy at Smith's Lawn yesterday with a 10-9 victory in extra time against Kerry Packer's Ellerston White. The match was also a semi-final encounter for the Queen's Cup.

Ellerston's principal mistake was in committing too many fouls, because Milo Araujo, of Argentina, who took the Labegorce's penalty shots, found the flags nearly every time. Indeed, the central pair of Araujo and Pepe Heguy, also displayed the most remarkable long shots from every angle of their ponies.

When the scoreboard said 9-9 at the end of the sixth and last chukka it was Araujo who, on the final bell, slammed home the close penalty goal that gave Labegorce their triumph.

LABERGORCE: 1, H Perrodo (0); 2, M Fernandez-Araujo (6); 3, P Heguy (10). Back, M Brown (3).
ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, C Hyde (2), 2, C Gracida (10); 3, G Peires (9). Back, K Packer (1).

Funnell ready for Hickstead chance

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

WILLIAM FUNNELL, the winner of the Eindhoven Derby last Sunday, is set to compete in his first Nations' Cup at Hickstead this weekend after a last-minute call-up to the British team. Funnell, from Forest Green, in Surrey, was added to the squad of five this week after the withdrawal of Di Lampard's Abbervail Dream, who has a bruised foot.

"It's a great honour to be selected, even if it is by default," Funnell, 29, said yesterday. He joins John Whitaker, with Roddy's Revenge; Michael Whitaker, with the stallion, Everest Elton, who is making his Hickstead debut; Geoff Billington, with It's Otto; and Emma Jane Mac, with her British women's champion, Diamond. The team of four for Sunday's contest will be announced on Saturday.

Nick Skelton, who has publicly voiced his dislike of the heavy poles and deep cups used on the Hickstead fences, is a notable absentee. After riding in the Rome Nations' Cup last week, where Britain finished joint-third, he is now competing in Spain.

His decision, which was influenced by the crashing fall he had with Limited Edition in the controversial, rain-soaked Nations' Cup last year, has the support of Ronnie Massarella, the British team manager, who said yesterday: "Obviously, I would prefer to have all our top riders at Hickstead, but Nick's only got one horse who he could have ridden — Dollar Girl — and he's better off saving her for the European championships."

Funnell, if selected for the final four, is unlikely to disappoint. His top horse, the 11-year-old Comex, is seen at his best in Hickstead's big, galloping arena. A former winner of the Silk Cut Tankard, the Dutch-bred gelding finished seventh in the British Grand Prix last year and fourth in the Derby.

Disappointingly, the challenge from the other five teams — Germany, France, Ireland, Holland and the United States — is not as strong as in previous years. They are all fielding weakened line-ups, keeping their top partnerships for the more competitive Aachen Nations' Cup later this month.



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A family torn apart by war

Plays for Today: An Intimate Tragedy. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

It was a play just waiting to be written, perhaps — the story of a family uprooted and separated by the war in Bosnia, a conflict described by one correspondent, Martin Bell, as the most dangerous and frightening he has ever encountered. War, say the authors Hilary Dunn and Jasmin Dizdar, is not just about bombings and bombardments but also the terrible divisions that destroy the heart of previously loving and secure communities. The story is about one family whose sons are living in England, helpless to intervene as their parents and sister try to withstand the awful events that unfold in the war zone. The play demonstrates how some of the consequences of war are all too easily forgotten.

The Gallery of Perfection. *Radio 4, 8.45pm.*

Rediscovering five of the world's most important paintings is the task Waldemar Januszczak has set himself in a new series beginning with what is probably the world's most notable work of art — Michelangelo's ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. The frescoes, executed between 1508 and 1512, established his reputation, and the ceiling, carefully though controversially restored over nine years, is one of the supreme masterpieces of pictorial art. The programme examines the significance of the scores of figures that adorn the ceiling, their impact, inventiveness and current meaning. The programme is called *The Mother of All Paintings*.

Kenneth Gosling

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Dave Pearce 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 11.00 Radio 1 Roadshow 12.00 Wendy Lloyd, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat; and at 1.15 The Net 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Soundbite 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Martin Kelner 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Chris Stuart 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The News Huddlines 7.30 David Allan 9.00 Paul Jones 9.45 Music Live 95: The Gospel Train 10.30 The Jamesons 12.20am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview; 7.15 Laying Down the Law: The Lawyer's Story 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck 1.35 Laying Down the Law: Techno Cops 2.05 Russcoe on Five, incl at 2.35 Laying Down the Law: Crime Junkies 4.00 Nationwide incl at 6.15 Crime Update 7.00 News Extra incl at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 David Gower's Cricket Weekly 9.05 SportsAmerica 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am Night Moves 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sean Bolger 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 7.00 Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffen 10.00 Caesar 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am News 5.30 Europe (MW only: Off the Shelf 5.45 From Our Own Correspondent) 6.00 News 6.30 Learning (MW only: Europe) 6.45 Opera Behind the Scenes (MW only: Europe) 7.00 News 7.15 World Today 7.30 Sport 8.00 News 8.15 Farming 8.30 Network UK 9.00 News (MW only: News in German) 9.10 Faits (MW only: News in German) 9.15 Composer 9.45 Books 10.00 News and Business 10.15 Sport 11.00 News 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf Noon News 12.30pm That's Cool 1.00 News (MW only: News in German) 1.15 Britain 1.30 Assignment 2.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.00 News 4.05 Sport 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Network UK (MW only: News in German) 5.00 News 5.15 Letters Home 5.45 Fourth Estate 6.00 News 6.15 The Streets of London 6.30 World Today (MW only: News in German) 6.45 Sport (MW only: News in German) 7.00 News 7.30 Assignment 8.00 News 9.00 Europe 9.30 Outlook 9.55 Words of Faith 10.00 News 10.15 Britain 10.30 Meridian 11.00 News 11.30 World Today 11.45 Health Midnight News 12.10am Take Five 12.15 Megamix 12.45 Sport 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 On the Move 1.45 Britain 2.00 News 2.15 Letters Home 2.45 Global 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Drama 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Faith

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Travel Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Mark Griffiths 1.00am Tim Lihoreau

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nick Abbot 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Jassy Lee Grace 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am **Open University:** Sovereignty Revisited
6.55 Weather
7.00 **On Air:** Holst (A Fugal Concerto); Puccini (Crisantemi); 7.32 Handel (Trio Sonata in G minor); 7.48 Dyson (Overture: At the Tabard Inn); Mozart (Rondo in D); Respighi (Suite: The Birds)
9.00 **Composers of the Week:** The Bohemians. Franz *Krommer (Quartet in D flat for* bassoon, two violas and cello; Concerto in E flat for two clarinets and orchestra)
10.00 **Musical Encounters:** Liszt (Bunte Reihe, excerpt); Haydn (Seven Last Words on the Cross: Sonata V); 10.10 Anthony Milner (Variations for Orchestra); Haydn (Seven Last Words on the Cross: Sonata VI); Handel (Coronation Anthem: The King Shall Rejoice); Tchaikovsky (String Quartet No 2 in F)
12.00 **Voices:** The Songs of Shostakovich (3/4)
1.00pm **Opera Matinée:** The Bartered Bride. Smetana's opera, with a text by Karel Sabina, sung in Czech, at the Grand Théâtre, Geneva
3.35 **Takacs Quartet:** Haydn (String Quartet in G minor, Rider); Bartók (String Quartet No 6) (r)
4.35 **Fairest Isle: The British Touch:** Katrina Brown plays early British harpsichord music
5.00 **The Music Machine:** Charles Hazlewood talks to singers about contemporary music
5.15 **In Tune:** Bizet (Carmen, excerpts); 6.03 Chopin (Tarantella in A flat, Op 43); 6.30 Stamitz (Symphony in D, The Rider)
7.30 **Fairest Isle: From Dusk to Dawn.** Live from Stationer's Hall, London, Consort of Musicke under Anthony Rooley performs English songs following the course of the night. Music to the God of the Night: Brewer (Drowsy Sun); Music to Somnus, God of Sleep: Ward, Dowland, Campion, William Lawes, Porter, Johnson and Wilbye; 8.10 Interval: Michelene Wandor interviews Anthony Rooley; 8.30 Music for the Dreame: Henry Lawes, Dowland, Campion, Jones, Wilson, Marsh and Purcell; Music for the Breake of Day: Gibbons, Corkine, Henry Lawes, Leveridge, Pack, Purcell and Dowland; Music to Apollo, the Sun God: Jeffries (Drowsy Phoebus)
9.20 **The Dream Project:** The director Nicolas Roeg talks about a film dream project
9.40 **Hebrides Ensemble:** Sam West, narrator. Schoenberg (Ode to Napoleon, Op 41); Shostakovich (Piano Quintet)
10.45 **Night Waves in Hay-on-Wye:** Christopher Cook talks to Nadine Gordimer, Nobel Prize winner, and novelist Margaret Atwood, before a live audience at the literature festival
11.30-12.30am **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC *Philharmonic under Günther* Herbig performs Hindemith (Symphonic Metamorphosis on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber); Dvořák (Symphony No 8 in G)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day, with the Rt Rev Joseph Devine 6.30 Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day, with Tom Butler 8.40 William Tayler, Diary of a Footman (r) 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 Face the Facts:** With John Waite (r)
9.30 **Inside Out:** Anna Parkinson follows ten former prison inmates for two years to see how they adapt to life on the outside (4/4)
10.00-10.30 **News; The Doctors** (FM only): Medical drama series set on Merseyside. With Richard O'Sullivan, Sue Johnston and Amelia Bullmore
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **Children's BBC Radio 4: Talking Poetry** (LW only). James Berry's Caribbean poetry and Julie O'Callaghan's view of an American childhood
10.30 **Woman's Hour:** Jenni Murray talks to the novelist Anita Desai
11.30 **From Our Own Correspondent**
12.00 **News; You and Yours:** With Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm **Out of Order:** Political quiz chaired by Patrick Hannan 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One:** With Nick Clarke
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Plays for Today:** An Intimate Tragedy. See Choice
3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift:** With Claire Brehan
4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope:** A new production of Britten's opera *Billy Budd*
4.45 **Short Story:** May and June. Julie T. Wallace reads Ruth Rendell's story
5.00 **PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **Missed Demeanours:** Comedy panel game with Eddie Izzard and Stephen Frost. The guests are Kevin Day and Linda Smith. Neil Mullarkey is in the chair
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 **High Windows:** Ray Gosling joins Josslyn Gore-Booth at Lissadell in Co Sligo, home to the Gore-Booth family for generations
8.00 **Analysis:** *Southern Discomfort.* Ngaire Woods examines the European Union's relations with its southern neighbours, Algeria and Turkey
8.45 **The Gallery of Perfection:** See Choice
9.00 **Does He Take Sugar?** Magazine for listeners with disabilities. With Sian Vasey
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight,** with Robin Lustig
10.45 **Book at Bedtime:** Hemingway's Chair. Written and read by Michael Palin
11.00 **Under My Skin:** Butterscotch Ice Cream, by Mike Walker. With Catherine Clarke as Sharon and Christopher Chescoe as Terry (r)
11.30 **The Locker Room:** Magazine for men presented by Tom Robinson (r)
12.00-12.45am **News** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.45 As World Service (LW)

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SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Nxc3! regains the material after 2 Rxc3 d4 as the white rook is trapped. If White does not capture the knight then ... d4 and ...e3 will follow when the advance of the passed pawns will be decisive.

Answers from page 45

VILLOUS
(c) Hairy, covered with numerous thick-set, slender projections resembling short hairs, eg the inner coat of the stomach or intestines, from the Latin *villōsus* hairy, rough. "The lacteals in the cod are remarkable for having a beautiful network of vessels between the muscular and villous coat of the intestines."

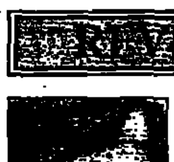
WAYZGOOSE
(b) An annual dinner, picnic or beanfeast, especially one given to, or held by, those employed in a printing-house. *Wayze (waze)* is an obsolete word for a bundle of hay, straw, stubble. Therefore it means a "stubble" goose, ie a harvest goose or fat goose, which is the crowning dish of the entertainment.

YOUNGTH
(a) The state of being young or the period of life when one is young. "Ah Thenot, be not all thy teeth on edge,/ To see youngth's folke to sport in pastimes gay!"

VIMINEOUS
(a) Made of pliable twigs or wickerwork, from the Latin *vīmen, vīmin-em* an osier. "Since Twiggy took up posing for fashion photographers she has become repulsively, nay, almost indecently, vimineous."

Plain speaking and some fancy mind games

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Goodness, was it really only a week ago that I complained that there was nothing to watch on a Wednesday night? Well, someone else clearly thought so too. Just as I was about to give up waiting, three new BBC series came along at once.

Undeniably the most heavyweight of these is Sir John Harvey-Jones, which is probably as well because if the former chairman of ICI gets through **Troubleshooter Returns** (BBC 2) without someone smacking him in the gob I shall be most surprised. Sir John may be 70 but age is not exactly withering him — nor, thank goodness, doing very much for his tact.

"I'm really bloody angry," thundered Harvey-Jones, his hallmark *hair-do collapsing into a sweaty* mass of proto-dreadlocks. But this was no ordinary bad hair day, this was the first stop on a sporadically sentimental journey around the India of his youth. "Everything is wrong with it," bellowed the great man, as he surveyed the dark, satanic Bombay textile mill that had once been owned by his father-in-law but which was now operated by S. Kumar, producer of "premier suitings". "It's old fashioned, it's dangerous, it's an insult to really skilled workers." As Harvey-Jones wheeled out the familiar solution ("sell up and start again") the factory's Harvard-trained management were not looking happy.

He was at it again in Dhar, where the management of Hindustan Motors made the fatal mistake of rolling out the red carpet. As regulars will know, the first rule of *Troubleshooter* is — the more effusive the welcome, the more painful the knee to the corporate groin. "Built by Indian craftsmen, I take it?" yelled Harvey-Jones, as he bounced down a test-track in the latest incarnation of the Morris Oxford, cheerily oblivious to the possibility that anyone on the sub-continent might take pride in their work.

But — oh joy, oh rapture — Indian management fought back — after a brief pause *for sentiment. In beautiful* Udaipur, Harvey-Jones chatted nostalgically with the 76th Maharana, whose father had been instilled with "traditional, stiff upper lip British values" by Harvey-Jones's father. This was genuinely moving, particularly when a couple of old retainers were produced who had actually known Harvey-Jones snr. "Did he ever mention me?" *asked the son, who only saw his* father twice again after he was sent back to Britain to school. The elderly cricket coach thought about it: "No — I don't think he did."

Harvey-Jones attempted to cheer himself up with a bit of corporate interference in Udaipur's hotel empire. Now, about financial controls... "I'm well aware of our shortcoming on that front," replied the Maharana firmly. *Harvey-Jones* tried again — how about lower overheads? "I'm not prepared to do that." Not even a few job *losses*, say four or five hundred? The Maharana was gloriously adamant. "If it costs a bit, so what." Sounds just like British Gas.

Harvey-Jones returned chastened but certainly no more tactful to Bombay, where — even to his surprise — the management of the textile mill had already decided to follow his advice to sell up. "Without wishing to be rude," our man began — and then promptly was: "such speed of reaction is not a very Indian reaction." The senior bod from S. Kumar was politely having none of that. "I dare say, Sir John, such speed of reaction is not a very British quality either." Great stuff and great television.

By contrast, **Monkhouse's Memory Masters** (BBC 1) is extraordinary television. Where else will you find a quiz show where the questions include "What is drum-kit plus glasses?" and the answer is "Submarine"? The first surreal *game show has arrived.*

As Bob Monkhouse welcomed us, just about the only things that were familiar were the jokes. The show was tailor-made for mental athletes — "because the only jogging we do is of our memories". Ah, but what memories. To take part, contestants have to spend two weeks on a course in memory techniques, where they learn to memorise things through "bizarre and exaggerated pictures". The technique is called "pegging" and resulted in a lot of arm-waving among the contestants and the *strangest catch phrase in Monkhouse's* long career. It will be some time, I suspect, before "Are you ready to peg?" reaches the status of "Bernie, the bolt".

Assuming there is no fakery, the technique is impressive. Two of last night's contestants (both young and both women) could remember just *about everything — from* who won what at a school prize-giving to the history of the space shuttle. That said, questions such as "What was the payload of the 46th shuttle mission?" are hardly conducive to our playing along at home.

Still, a spot of pegging would definitely have come in handy for the first episode of **Castles** (BBC 1), which made a confident but complicated start to its 24-part *run*. Last night was meet the very extended family time. No trouble with the matriarch (Anna Cropper) and patriarch (Tony Doyle) — *they spent* enough time arguing about his alleged affair (of course he was having one — it's Tony Doyle, for goodness *sake*) to stick in anyone's memory. But among the junior Castles, linking spouse to partner and sibling to parent proved more difficult. The director helpfully posed family groups at a sixtieth birthday party: "No mother, this is just your children — you, Dad and the four of us." I was going to freeze frame it for future reference — until I discovered that *from next week Castles moves* to Tuesdays and Thursdays. Are you ready to peg, Lynne?

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (25307)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (90574739)

9.05 Conan the Adventurer (r) (3612197) **9.25 Activ8.** Off-beat leisure pursuits (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1736776)

9.55 Bird in the Nest (s) (2245994)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9259994) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (2254642)

10.30 Good Morning Summer. Weekday magazine series. Includes **News**, regional news and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (21063517)

12.25 Going for Gold. Another round of the general knowledge quiz, presented by the handsome Henry Kelly (s) (4072468) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (64558265)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (83975) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (35185449)

1.50 Howards' Way. Drama serial set among South Coast yachting folk (r). (Ceefax) (5046826) **2.45 The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles** starring Sean Patrick Flanery. (Ceefax) (s) (2473772)

3.30 Cartoon (1302420) **3.45 Bird in the Nest** (s) (6831046)

3.50 Pingu (8711197) **3.55 Why Did the Chicken?** (s) (1321555) **4.10 Speed Racer.** (Ceefax) (4342807) **4.35 The Ant and Dec Show.** (Ceefax) (s) (2444536)

5.00 Newsround. (Ceefax) (2354623) **5.05 Escape from Jupiter.** (Ceefax) (s) (7493468)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (425401)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (94)

6.30 Regional news magazines (46)

7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (6739)

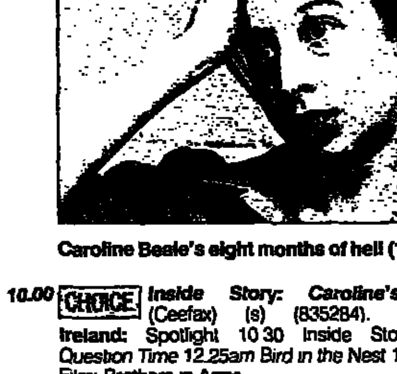
7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (30)

8.00 Wildlife on One: Lake of the Flies. The mosquito-like flies of Africa's Lake Victoria. (Ceefax) (s) (48455)

8.30 Paul Merton's Life of Comedy. The comedian continues his nostalgic trip through 40 years of television comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (4994)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5604)

9.30 Men Behaving Badly. Sit-com starring Martin Clunes and Neil Morrissey. (Ceefax) (s) (40623)



Caroline Beale's eight months of hell (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **Inside Story: Caroline's Baby.** (Ceefax) (s) (835284). **Northern Ireland:** Spotlight 10.30 Inside Story 11.20 *Question Time* 12.25am *Bird in the Nest* 12.35-2.10 Film: Brothers in Arms

10.50 Question Time presented by David Dimbleby in London. The panel is journalist Anne Leslie and MPs Nicholas Soames, Robin Cook and Menzies Campbell (Ceefax) (263178)

11.50 Bird in the Nest Last of the day's birdwatching reports (s) (832772)

12.00 FILM: Pancho Villa (1972) starring Telly Savalas and Clint Walker. Western adventure about the Mexican leader who invaded American territory. Directed by Eugenio Martin (78869)

1.30am Weather (6477937)

BBC2

6.20 Open University

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (8111807)

8.15 FILM: Man and His Mate (1940, b/w) starring Victor Mature and Carole Landis. A prehistoric man, banished from his tribe, finds a new settlement and romance. Directed by Hal Roach Jr (3533159)

9.35 FILM: Keep 'Em Flying (1941, b/w) An Abbott and Costello comedy directed by Arthur Lubin (2745536)

10.55 Star Trek. Animation (2191420)

11.20 FILM: Dot and the Koala (1983). Australian children's adventure (3760771)

12.30 Working Lunch (28401)

1.00 Cold Yearning. Austrian film-makers leave an isolated Yukon mining settlement for an expedition through Jack London territory (8320623) **1.50 Town Portraits** Lincoln (r) (22507739)

2.00 The Little Polar Bear (r) (73678420) **2.05 Hairy Jeremy** (s) (73677791) **2.10 The Hollywood Collection.** Grace Kelly (s) (5972130)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather; **Endangered World — A Kenyan Trilogy** (9050246) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (8701710)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (59)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (1)

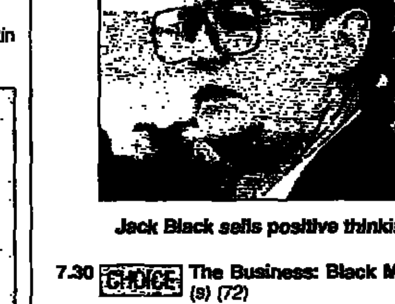
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. (Ceefax) (s) (1062178)

5.40 The Long Goodbye. Armistead Maupin and his lover Terry Anderson, who is HIV positive, talk about each other and of a homosexual community struck down by Aids (s) (430468)

6.00 Quantum Leap (r). (Ceefax) (s) (336975)

6.45 Tex Avery. A classic cartoon (922130)

7.00 The Mrs Merton Show (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7081)



Jack Black sells positive thinking (7.30pm)

7.30 CHOICE **The Business: Black Magic** (Ceefax) (s) (72)

8.00 Play It Again (r) (s) (3401)

8.30 More Rhodes around Britain. Chef Gary Rhodes visits the Orkney Islands. (Ceefax) (s) (2536)

9.00 FILM: Absolute Strangers (1991) starring Henry Winkler and Karl Malden. A drama about a loving husband who is faced with the prospect of agreeing to his comatose wife having an abortion in order to save her life. Directed by Gilbert Cates (4975)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (501975)

11.15 Late Review with Mark Lawson (s) (496739)

11.55 Weather (843913) **12.00 Open View** (s) (8653043)

12.05am-12.35 Electronics. *Global Firms — Shrinking Worlds* (9129918)

5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (r) (43376)

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CHOICE

Inside Story: Caroline's Baby
BBC1, 10.00pm

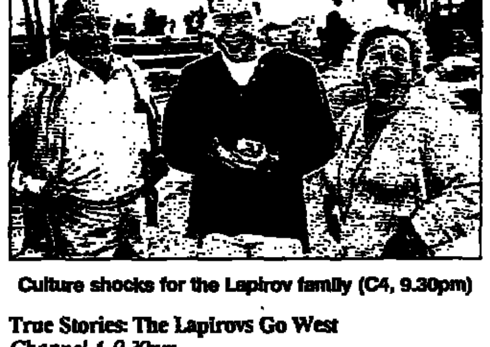
The ordeal of Caroline Beale has been so extensively covered on the screen and in print that anybody who *has followed the story will find little that is new in Nic* Catliff's documentary. It still deserves retelling, if only for the light it sheds on the American legal system. Beale is the young woman from Essex who has been accused in New York of murdering her baby. She maintains that the child was stillborn. Gaunt, tearful and confused, Beale speaks from the prison cell where she spent eight months before being released on bail. Some compassion seems in order, but Marjory Fisher, the District Attorney, will have none of it. Her determination to treat Beale like any other criminal is the most chilling aspect of the case.

The Business: Black Magic
BBC2, 7.30pm

Jack Black comes from Glasgow and sounds uncannily like Billy Connolly. Black's business, however, is not comedy but business itself. For the sum of £299 per head, plus VAT, he lectures company *managers on the power of positive thinking. He also* issues tapes, which business folk can play on their car radios. What we all want to know is whether Black's *recipe works. He says the proof is that companies* invite him back. Sir John Harvey-Jones is convinced that Black is genuine but feels he is not offering anything new. Some find him inspirational, others are sceptical. Black's methods are put to the test when he tries to galvanise the Montrose football team before a cup-tie with Hibernian. I will not spoil things by revealing the final score.

Fair Game: All Boxed In
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The series that provoked Will Carling's memorable brush with the elderly gents of the Rugby Football Union concludes by looking at sport and television. Since the presenter, Greg Dyke, used to be in charge of sport on ITV, he is hardly a neutral observer but there are plenty of other contributors to maintain the balance. Before satellite television came along, the BBC and ITV cosily carved up the sporting fixtures between them. Now they are both losing out to Sky, which offers many fewer viewers but much bigger cheques. Sport needs the money and is in no position to argue, even *if it means bowing to television's demands.* The report tends to skirt round the most important question, of whether all this is good for the viewer.



Culture shocks for the Lapirov family (C4, 9.30pm)

True Stories: The Lapirovs Go West
Channel 4, 9.30pm

In 1981 Ilya Lapirov, his wife Isabella and their nine-year-old son, Keicha, emigrated from the Soviet Union to the United States. Ten years later they returned, now American citizens and with quite a tale to tell. Thanks to Jean-Luc Leon's film, which won a Prix Italia, the story is shared with us. The family was lured across the Atlantic by the promise of freedom and a higher standard of life. Taking their first American meal in McDonald's, they are amazed to see *disposable cups and crockery. Other culture shocks* follow, though young Keicha does his best to ride them by calling himself Ken. For his parents, the attempt to assimilate proves more difficult. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (7678517)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (2034884) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2230062)

10.00 Step by Step (r) (s) (59420)

10.30 This Morning presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (81355468) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1022420)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (2584913)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (2569604) **1.25 Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (25438604) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (35173604) **2.20 Vanessa: Forever an Adulterer** (Teletext) (s) (12423807)

2.50 Gardeners' Diary: The Chelsea Flower Show. John Ravenscroft tours the gardens and compares this year's show with the first one in 1912 (6169739)

3.20 ITN News headlines (3962710) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3961081)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (1313536) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (3481325) **3.50 Garfield and Friends** (r) (2784361) **4.20 Avenger Penguins** (r) (s) (4333159) **4.45 Animaniacs** (Teletext) (s) (2435888)

5.10 After 5 with Carol Barnes (Teletext) (7487807)

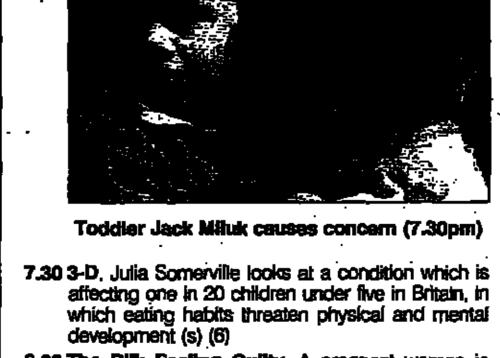
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (789623)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (603333)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (62)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (2)

7.00 Emmerdale. Biff and Luke fall out over Tina and Kathy reaches the end of her tether with Kim. (Teletext) (1807)



Toddler Jack Miluk causes concern (7.30pm)

7.30 3-D. Julia Somerville looks at a condition which is affecting one in 20 children under five in Britain, in which eating habits threaten physical and mental development (s) (6)

8.00 The Bill: Feeling Guilty. A pregnant woman is mugged. (Teletext) (5505)

8.30 HeartBeat. Nostalgic drama starring Nick Berry and Niamh Cusack. A flasher is sighted on the moors (r). (Teletext) (s) (11352)

9.30 Animal Detectives: Bears. In the last of the series, an investigator goes undercover to expose the Chinese bear farms. (Teletext) (s) (35791)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (91820)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (264062)

10.40 The Frost Programme. Sir David Frost is joined by Sir David Attenborough. PLus a discussion on the rights of Britain's transsexuals (s) (251333)

11.40 Carlton Sport - World League of American Football (176623)

12.15am Alien Nation (s) (573550)

1.15 Shift (5086289)

2.05 The Beat (r) (s) (7721753)

3.00 The Album Show (r) (s) (5974840)

3.50 Profile featuring Simple Minds and Gloria Estefan (r) (s) (19350579)

4.10 The Little Picture Show (r) (1330024)

5.00 Vanessa (r). (Teletext) (s)(66604)

5.30 ITN Morning News (30802). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The Adventures Of T-Rex (r) (9211401)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (42046)

9.00 Little Wizards (r) (24197) **9.30 California Dreams.** Comedy drama series (2929739)

9.55 Batman. The hero of Gotham City does battle with Mr Freeze (8826604) **10.20 Mork and Mindy.** American domestic comedy starring Pam Dawber and Robin Williams (r) (2259197)

10.50 Kelly (r) (3586604) **11.20 Pugwall's Summer** (r) (1332284) **11.50 Terrytoons.** Classic cartoon series (4720449)

12.00 House to House. Tanya Sillem looks at British involvement in the Bosnia crisis following yesterday's emergency Commons debate (41343)

12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series. The guests are Take 6 (r) (80994) **1.30 The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz** (r) (s) (64303555)

1.55 Pete Smith Specialties. Two shorts — *Fishing Feats* and *Have You Ever Wondered?* (35180994)

2.15 FILM: Roseanna McCoy (1949, b/w) starring Farley Granger and Joan Evans. A reworking of the *Romeo and Juliet* story, about the loving offspring of feuding hillbilly folk. Directed by Irving Reis (697449)

4.00 Jimmy's: Another visit to St James's Hospital, Leeds (r) (5)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (9)

5.00 Ricki Lake. The guests are women who claim that when men are assertive they are called tough but when females are similarly aggressive they are called bitches. (Teletext) (7293352)

5.45 Terrytoons featuring Deputy Dawg (796536)

6.00 The Cosby Show. Domestic comedy (r). (Teletext) (84)

6.30 Saved By The Bell: Wedding In Las Vegas. American comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (4)

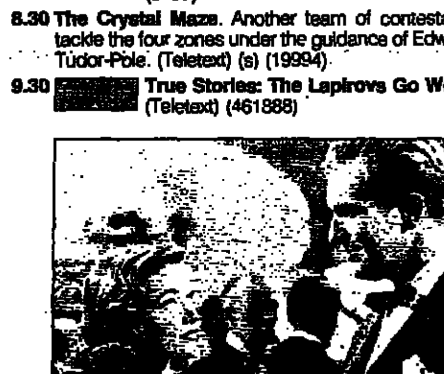
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext). Includes weather at **7.30** (288284)

7.55 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox. (Teletext) (586772)

8.00 CHOICE **Fair Game: All Boxed In.** (Teletext) (s) (8197)

8.30 The Crystal Maze. Another team of contestants tackle the four zones under the guidance of Edward Tudor-Pole. (Teletext) (s) (19994)

9.30 CHOICE **True Stories: The Lapirovs Go West** (Teletext) (461888)



Gene Tierney and Vincent Price (11.15pm)

11.15 FILM: Laura (1944, b/w) starring Dana Andrews as a cynical detective investigating the supposed murder of a beautiful woman. With Clifton Webb, Vincent Price and Judith Anderson. Directed by Otto Preminger and Rouben Mamoulian (967888)

12.50am Dispatches. A repeat of last night's programme. (Teletext) (8372005)

1.40 FILM: Isaac Littlefeathers (1984) starring Lou Jacobi. A made-for-television drama about a teenager with a half-Indian heritage who leads the defence of neighbourhood children against the local bullies, at the same time trying to understand the passivity of his Jewish friends. Directed by Les Rose (474463). Ends at **3.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (2569604) **1.25** Home and Away (25438604) **1.55-2.20** The Young Doctors (35173604) **2.50-3.20** High Road (6169739) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7487807) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (675401) **10.30** Anglia News (264062) **10.40 Sailaway** (603351) **11.10** 30th Cambridge Folk Festival (629975) **11.40** Urban Angel (846710) **12.35am** Women of Twilight (259840) **2.15** Best of British Motorsport (8721376) **2.50** The Beat (1494260) **3.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (65750666) **4.10** Quiz Night (69177260) **4.35** Videofashion (65306802)

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.50-3.20 High Road (6169739) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7487807) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (675401) **10.40** Crime Stalker (251333) **11.40** Just a Minute (176623) **3.50am** Jobfinder (7793318) **5.20** Asian Eye (6738173)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (2569604) **1.25** Home and Away (28367178) **1.50** Vanessa (64381333) **2.20** Good Advice (12423807) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (6169739) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7487807) **6.25** Granada Tonight (675401) **10.30** Granada News (264062) **10.40** *Flying Start* (603951) **11.40-12.15am** The Hidden Room (176623)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (2569604) **1.25** Home and Away (25438604) **1.55** Vanessa (64390604) **2.25** Gardening Time (12422178) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (1226197) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7487807) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (2) **10.40** Phoenix Top Quality Crime (3617101) **11.35** Changing Lives (190178)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 *Wales Tonight* (2) **7.30-8.00** Pieces 95 (6) **10.40** The Sherman Plays A Shared Mutual Experience (603951) **11.10** Watch World Cup Review (629975) **11.40** 3-D (176623)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (2230062) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1022420) **12.55** Emmerdale (2569604) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (25438604) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6169739) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (3961081) **5.10** Home and Away (7487807) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Crimestoppers (823197) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (62) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (2) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (264062) **10.40** Rocky IV (89980383) **12.20am** *Music Box Profile* (4925111) **12.35** Women of Twilight (259840) **2.15** Best of British Motorsport (8721376) **2.50** The Beat (1494260) **3.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (65750666) **4.10** Quiz Night (69177260) **4.35** Videofashion (65306802) **5.00** Freescreen (66604)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (2230062) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1048468) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1047739) **12.55** Emmerdale (2569604) **1.25** Home and Away (25438604) **1.55** Vanessa (64380604) **2.25** The Young Doctors (12422178) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News, Weather (3961081) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7487807) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (30246) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (264062) **10.40** Crime Stalker (251333) **11.40** Cowboys in Skirts - The Making of 'Rob Roy' (176623)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (2230062) **12.55** Emmerdale (2569604) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (25438604) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6169739) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire. Calendar News / Bitsdale. Network North (3961081) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7487807) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (985642) **6.30-7.00** *Crosswits* (2) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (264062) **10.40** The Business (527913) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (145468) **12.20am** Blind Alley (641647) **2.00** America's Top Ten (18482) **2.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (21519) **3.00** The Hazing (263717) **4.40** Jobfinder (4155753)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (42046) **9.00** Ben Bore G' R Urdd (24197) **9.30** California Dreams (2929739) **9.55** Batman (8826604) **10.20** Mork and Mindy (2259197) **10.50** Kelly (3586604) **11.20** Pugwall's Summer (1332284) **11.50** Wideside (2688371) **12.15pm** A Yokohama Yankee (2746642) **12.25** The Brave Little Brave (1038081) **12.30** The Harbs (53197) **1.00** Slot Meithrin T Chwith (92523) **1.30** Jimmy's (52468) **2.00** *Eisteddfod Yr Urdd* (3739) **4.00** The Cosby Show **4.30** Uned 5 (54772) **5.30** Fifteen To One (91) **6.00** Newyddion (330975) **6.15** Heno (305130) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9449) **7.30** *Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Bro'r Preseli* Uchafbwyntiau'r (23623) **8.30** Newyddion (7604) **9.00** Trosedn Dan Goedon Undod (1642) **9.30** Father Ted (33333) **10.00** The Politician's Wife (816325) **11.15** Sherman TV (104246) **12.00am** Errol Morris Interrotron Stories (9127550) **12.25** McCarthyism, Bloody Old People (9137937)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am *DJ Kat Show (56642)* **8.00** *Power Rangers* (45604) **8.30** Blockbusters (44975) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (86994) **10.00** Concentration (17468) **10.30** Card Sharks (64739) **11.00** *Sally Jessy Raphael* (32265) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (48791) **12.30pm** Designing Women (97556) **1.00** The Waltons (85710) **2.00** Matlock (18197) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (5896246) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (3895178) **4.30** Power Rangers (2807) **5.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (4536) **6.00** Spellbound (3772) **6.30** Family Ties (7352) **7.00** Rescue (5265) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3536) **8.00** Highlander (22265) **9.00** The New Untouchables (69771) **10.00** Quantum Leap (12888) **11.00** David Letterman (766975) **11.50** LA Law (360975) **12.45am** The Untouchables (2874918) **1.30** In Living Color (85735) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix Long Play (7623531)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (3091230) **9.30** Sky News Extra (35517) **10.30** ABC Nightline (55081) *11.00 News (871333) 1.30pm CBS News* (21826) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (12739) **3.30** Beyond 2000 (5130) **4.00** News (97081) **5.00** Live at Five (2689449) **6.05** Richard *Littlejohn (507536) 8.00 News (2555) 8.30* The O.J Simpson Trial (91155826) **1.10am** Richard Littlejohn Replay (6973005) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (66869) **3.30** Beyond *2000 (61314) 4.30 CBS News (19314) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (81550)*

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (7854197) **10.00 Nurses on the Line** (1993) (91371) **12.00 Kona Coast** (1968) (82772) **2.00pm Dusty** (1982) (36468) **4.00 Across the Great Divide** (1977) (45763028) **5.55 Nurses on the Line** (1993) As 10am (66064555) **7.30 El News Week In Review** (6604) **8.00 King** *of the Hill (1993) (28449) 10.00 Blind Side* (1993) (541739) **11.40 Hellraiser III: Hell on Earth** (1992) (194265) **1.15am The Thirteenth Floor** (1988) (166444) **2.45 Fair** *Game (1989) (2307205) 4.05-6.00 Prison* **Heat** (1992) (588043)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (93062) **4.00 The Good Fairy** (1935) (4710) **6.00 Mr and Mrs Smith** (1941) (12826) **8.00 Bedazzled** (1967) (17371) *10.00 Lenny (1974) (470642)* **11.55-2.00am Thieves Like Us** (1973) (87506449)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Life with Father (1947) (49352) **8.00 The Bugs Bunny/Road Runner Movie** (1979) (80791) **10.00 Bad Lands** (1939) (3323915) **11.15 Duncan's World** (859438) *12.45pm Them! (1954)* (10332178) **2.20 Breathing Lessons** (1993) (477772) **4.00 The Bugs Bunny/Road Runner Movie** (1979) As 8am (2410) **6.00** *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (1971) (14246) **8.00 Running Delilah** (1992) (19791) **10.00 Beyond Suspicion** (1993) (532081) **11.40 Candy the Stripper** (1991) (106975) **1.20am Mo' Money** (1992) (9618840) **2.50 The Last Hit** (1993) (7363519) **4.20-6.00 Breathing Lessons** (1993) As 2.20pm (171666)

● *For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday*

SKY SPORTS

7.00am World Wrestling Federation Challenge (61975) **8.00** The Pavilion End (62604) **9.00** City Centre Cycling (30468) **10.00** European PGA Golf (480401) **1.00pm** ATP *Tennis Magazine* (81555) **1.30** *The Pavilion* End (43062) **2.30** European PGA Golf (493604) **5.30** World Wrestling Federation Action Zone (70265) **6.30** World of Rugby *Union (3178) 7.00 Pole Position (59333) 8.00* European Golf Highlights (89081) **9.00** Ford Scorpio Golf USA (78468) **11.00** NBA Basketball Conference Final (10888) **1.00-2.00am** *Pole Position (69685)*

EUROSPORT

7.30am Athletics (23159) **8.30** Rugby (84994) **9.30** Euroiun (13178) **10.00** Live Tennis (943807) **6.45** Mini News (122178) **7.00** Live Athletics (64888) **9.00** Tennis (73913) **10.00** Karim (43772) **11.00** Golf (53772) **12.00-12.30am** Mini News (20463)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (8653807) **8.30** Peyton Place (8652178) **9.00** As the World Turns (6977642) **10.00** Guiding Light (6229865) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8207110)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (8656994) **12.30pm** Boomerang — Disneyland (5817178) **1.00** Travel Guide on Video (2871046) **1.30** Cooking in France (5816449) **2.00** Getaway (5765536) **2.30** Northern and Central Greece (2816710) **3.00** American Vacation (3190178) **4.00** Travel Guide (2807062) **4.30** Boomerang — Disneyland (2803246) **5.00** Great Sports Vacations (5756888) **5.30** Cooking in France (2827826) **6.00** Isle of Man (2824739) **6.30** Ecotourism (4458420) **7.30** Getaway (2804975) **8.00** Around the World in 30 *Minutes* (5745772) **8.30** Travel Guide (5764807) **9.00** Globetrotter (3108197) **9.30** Ecotourism (8839159) **10.30** Great Sports Vacations (8886371) **11.00** American Trail (3103642) **11.30-12.00** Cruising (3740449)



Shelley Duvall, Keith Carradine (Sky Movies Gold, 11.55pm)

TLC

9.00am Craftwise (5535555) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma (8503420) **10.00** Furniture to Go (8138604) **10.30** Jimmy's (5531739) **11.00** Only Human (9924739) **12.00** A Change of Mind (9526371) **1.00pm** Kurma (9928555) **1.30** Craftwise (9513807) **2.00** General Practice (4788807) **2.30** Being There (3236913) **3.00** Green Fingers (4790642) *3.30-4.00 Furniture to Go (3208130)*

UK GOLD

7.00am The Chronicles of Narnia (8821642) **7.30** Neighbours (8917449) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5514062) **8.30** EastEnders (5513333) **9.00** The Bill (5537913) **9.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (7844178) **10.30** Angels (18874468) **11.35** Going for Gold (63635081) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5524449) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9516994) **1.00** EastEnders (9920913) **1.30** The Bill (9515265) **2.00** Father, Dear Father (4780265) **2.30** Life Without George (3238371) **3.00** Knots Landing (6265739) **4.00** Dallas (8244246) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8223807) **5.35** Dick Emery (8041284) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (8633710) **6.30** EastEnders (3220352) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (6933178) **8.00** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (5942826) **9.00** Minder (5322062) **10.00** The Bill (5526178) **10.30** Top of the Pops (2472401) **11.05** Carrott's Lib (3036517) **11.55** Dr Who (6032888) **12.25am** FILM: Patrick (1978) (8000482) **2.20** Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (44197) **7.00** Berenstain Bears (7577888) **7.15** Tiny and Crew (7172975) **7.30** Casper and Friends (57474) **8.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (56771) **8.30** Degrassi Junior High (71552) **9.00** *Super Mario Brothers (22352)* **9.30** *Creepy Crawlers* (55178) **10.00** Skeleton Warriors (62517) **10.30** Battletech (28536) **11.00** Swamp Thing (79823) **11.30** Bill and Ted's *Excellent Adventures (70352) 12.00 Ready* or Not (19888) **12.30pm** Babysitters' Club (59994) **1.00** Gravedale High (81130) **1.30** Where's Wally? (58265) **2.00** Sonic the *Hedgehog (4333) 2.30 Bad Level 10!* (3110642) **2.45** Skeleton Warriors (592536) **3.15** Battletech (599449) **3.45** TCC Presents (8302130) **4.00** California Dreams (7197) *4.30-5.00 Degrassi Junior High (8081)*

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickelalive! Including Deep Sea Dick (5896826) **7.15** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (600994) **7.45** Rugrats (609265) **8.15** Grimmy (701197) **8.45** Nickelalive! (3989265) **9.00** Nick Junior (497565) **12.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (71604) **12.30pm** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (20468) **1.00** Smoggies (89197) *1.30 Grimmy (29739) 2.00 Denver* (8517) **2.30** Galaxy High School (9739) **3.00** Dungeons and Dragons (4492) **3.30** Alex Mack (4284) **4.00** Grimmy (9791) **4.30** Rugrats (9975) **5.00** Clarissa (2197) **5.30** Nickelalive! (3555) **6.00** Doug (8028) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (4420)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Natural Causes (3227265) **4.30** Nature Watch (3223449) **5.00** Wings *(4781994) 6.00 Invention (7181468) 6.35* Beyond 2000 (6485130) **7.30** Mysteries (3224178) **8.00** Out of the Past (5940468) **9.00** Bodyguards (5920804) **10.00** The Real West (7384420) **10.55** Spirit of Survival (6336352) **11.25** Man Eaters (6043994) **11.30-12.00** The Arctic (8134888)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Jack the Ripper (Quartermass) (1958) (8145994) **2.00pm** thirtysomething (8133159) **3.00** Robin Hood (4794468) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (3235284) **4.00** FILM: *The Day the Fish Came Out* (1967) (4798284) **6.00** Get Smart (3231468) **6.30** *Zoo Gang* (5304159) **7.30** The Adventures of Robin Hood (3211604) **8.00** thirtysomething (5937994) **9.00** The Critic (8268838) **9.30** Madmen of the People (9521826) **10.00-12.00** FILM: They Shoot Horses, Don't They? (1969): with Jane Fonda (6259178)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5184468) **7.00** Magazine (6084555) **9.00** Health UK (3776197) **9.30** Kate and Allie (6125555) **10.05** The Treatment (6936285) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (87961352) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (9042604) **11.55** The Simple Programme **12.00** Kilroy (1176642) **12.55pm** Food and Drink (8512130) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (3425975) **2.00** Agony Hour (6398975) **3.00** Magazine (3074420) **4.00** Infatuation (7842975) **4.30** Crosswits (2782081) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (59225517) **5.30** Masterchef (1007361) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (6305468) **6.30** Brookside (8491623) **7.05** Crosswits (5288284) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (3859333) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (3419888) **8.55** The Simple Programme **9.00** FILM: Who is Julia? (1986): A woman suffers an identity crisis after a brain transplant (15782555) **10.50** Sneak Scenes (8913587) **11.00** Brookside (3094284) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (6385130)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Adventures of Tintin (8913) **5.30** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (7333) **6.00** My Two Dads (4248) **6.30** Catchphrase (8826) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (6449) **7.30** Me and the Boys (7710) **8.00** Harts of the West (86401) **9.00** Sirens (23915) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (10517) **10.30** The Adventures of Tintin (29265) **11.00** Lou Grant (70387) **12.00** Zorro (79753) **12.30pm** Me and the Boys (34192) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (56598) **1.30** Rhoda (59173) **2.00** Sirens (37622) *3.00 Lou Grant (89869) 4.00 Rhoda (12289)* **4.30-5.00** Zorro (37483)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (93463) **6.30** The Grind (73623) **7.00** 3 from 1 (7579246) **7.15** Awake on the Wildside (2773352) **8.00** *VJ Ingo (394994) 11.00 The Soul of MTV* (89772) **12.00** Greatest Hits (47158) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (56807) **2.00** 3 from 1 (3216430?) **2.15** The Afternoon Mix *(3990159) 3.00 Cinematic (1766842) 3.15* The Afternoon Mix (5341197) **3.30** MTV Sports (4820) **4.00** MTV News at Night (8753791) **4.15** The Afternoon Mix (8776642) **4.30** Dial MTV (5739) **5.00** Dance (1541) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (81197) **7.00** Greatest *Hits (19739) 8.00 Most Wanted (22975) 9.30* Beavis and Butthead (48888) **10.00** MTV News (375449) **10.15** Cinematic (363604) **10.30** MTV Live! (21623) **11.00** Safe 'n' Sexy (63062) **11.30** The End? (71913) **12.3am** The Grind (36550) **1.00** Soul (74531) **2.00** Videos (7372173)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (3221587) **9.00** Café VH-1 (3746371) **11.30** VH-1 to 1 Bruce Springsteen (3181420) **12.00** The Bridge (5821371) **1.00pm** Ten of the Best (5807791) **2.00** Heart and Soul (3747352) **3.00** Into the Music (2458420) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (4075739) **6.15** Prime Cuts (7023807) **7.00** VH-1 for You (4675401) **8.00** VH-1 Rock (4691449) **9.00** Ten of the Best (4604913) **10.00** The Bridge (4674772) **11.00** The Nightfly (4647246) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (8979376) **2.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, incl **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am All Laila (61151159) **7.30** Sona Chandi (61163994) **8.00** Asian Morning (56344468) **9.00** Tamil FILM: Siva (40361623) **12.00** Campus (44725569) **12.30pm** India Show (10452062) **1.00** Hindi FILM: Game (80143994) **4.00** Zee Top Ten (66813623) **5.00** Saanp Seedi (74532284) **5.30** Sona Chandi (94263420) **6.00** Punjabi Serial (94260333) **6.30** Campus (94264913) **7.00** Newsearch (74512420) **7.30** Dillagi (94280197) **8.00** News; Zee and U (74538468) **8.30** Andaz (74517975) **9.00** Doosra Aasman (23188807) **10.00** Zee Horror Show (43375028) **10.30** Video Junction (81375648) **11.00** Commander (86814352) **11.30-12.00** Krishna (59623517)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm A Very Private Affair (1962) (83685468) **9.00 The Treasure of the Sierra Madre** (1948) (12118642) **11.15 There Was a Young Lady** (1953) (81508523) **12.45am The Man Without a Face** (1935) (79552647) *1.55 The Case of* **the Frightened Lady** (1940) (15553127) **3.20-5.00 There Was a Young Lady** (1953): As 11.15pm (78581376)

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Grand slam winners make progress but struggle for form

England missing killer instinct

England 27
Italy 20

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN DURBAN



Tony Underwood, who scored England's opening World Cup try yesterday, pierces the Italian line with Clarke and Back, left, in support

THERE are high roads and low roads to the knockout stages of rugby union's World Cup and England are taking the low road. Victory at King's Park here last night over a committed Italian XV ensured their presence in the quarter-finals but if they are pacing themselves, they are doing so at a snail's pace.

If it is any comfort, the second round of pool matches has proved awkward for other pre-tournament favourites and England may be entitled to feel that their pool B game — which takes them forward to a meeting on Sunday with the pool's other unbeaten side, Western Samoa — was no different.

But it will be a relief to all if Dean Richards is able to return at the weekend. In conditions where control of the ball at close quarters was a priority, the injured Leicester No 8 remains a looming presence on the sidelines.

"It was a win and a clear improvement," Jack Rowell, the England manager, said, "but England lack the killer instinct. We are on an upward curve but only the lower part. We are a couple of strides behind the grand-slam performance."

That a slight gloss was placed on the scoreboard by Massimo Cuttitta's injury-time try should not conceal the substantial improvement in Italian rugby since the only previous meeting between the countries, in the 1991 World Cup. They contested every phase, notably the lineout where England hoped for an advantage, and twice erupted through the midfield to threaten the England line.

England's game flickered fitfully but found no substantial shape. In heavy rain during the first half they expanded the game somewhat more optimistically than either recent events or the wet ball suggested they should. But the first score, by Tony Underwood, buoyed morale: it came against the run of play but was well contrived nonetheless.

Francescato knocked on in England's 22 and Rodber and Rowntree drove upfield before Bracken set the backs in motion: Andrew and de Glanville gave the younger Underwood a clear run to the line from halfway and Andrew's first of five successful penalty attempts gave England an early ten-point advantage.

Yet they could not force it home. The Italian defence pushed their back movements sideways and though de Glanville occasionally cut the advantage line, his back row could not make the desired inroads. However, a lead of 16-3 and a declining wind offered the prospect of a good second half until Catt missed touch, and compounded the error by letting Troncon's high kick bounce before making the catch. His clearance was charged down by the elusive Vaccari who ran on to collect the bounce and score. Dominguez's conversion reducing the lead to six points.

England's problem is that they do not lack possession but they do lack invention and the change of direction which so distinguishes so-called lesser teams — such as the Samoans or, indeed, the Japanese. Thus Back, rather than using his undoubted running and handling skills, was gathered into a tidying-up operation: of the newer selections the most successful was probably Rowntree at loose-head prop, who held his ground at the set piece and supported well in the loose, while Bracken will have been delighted to have received his manager's approval.

A combined drive by the tight forwards, after Bayfield won a lineout eight metres from the Italian line, paved the way for England's second try and Rory Underwood's 43rd for his country. Yet a string of mistakes, which incurred the wrath of Stephen Hilditch, effectively prevented England from building on that advantage.

Four years ago the Italians were heavily penalised; now the tally was virtually even but the difference was that Italy offended within kicking range, England did not. Thus Andrew was able to add two further penalties to his three in the first half, against only one by Dominguez. Yet nobody could deny Italy their consolation, two minutes into injury-time: Troiani had gone close before a well-conceived back row drive took Italy within five metres and Cuttitta was shunted across the line.

TEAMS AND SCORERS

SCORERS: England: Tries: T Underwood, R Underwood. Conversion: Andrew. Penalty goals: Andrew (5). Italy: Tries: Vaccari, Cuttitta. Conversions: Dominguez (2). Penalty goals: Dominguez (2).

ENGLAND: M J Catt (Bath); T Underwood (Leicester), P R de Glanville (Bath), J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF); C R Andrew (Wasps, captain), K P P Bracken (Bristol); G C Rowntree (Leicester), B C Moore (Harlequins), J Leonard (Harlequins), T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army), M O Johnson (Leicester), M C Bayfield (Northampton), N A Back (Leicester), B B Clarke (Bath).

ITALY: L Troiani (L'Aquila); P Vaccari (Milan), I Francescato (Treviso), S Bordon (Rovigo), M Gerosa (Piacenza); D Dominguez (Milan), A Troncon (Milan); Massimo Cuttitta (Milan, captain), C Orlandi (Piacanza), F Properzi Curti (Milan), A Sgorlon (San Dona), P Pedroni (Milan), M Giacheri (Treviso), O Arancia (Catania), J Gardiner (Roma).

Referee: S R Hilditch (Ireland).

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Scots bring in Shiel to give attacking approach

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN PRETORIA

SCOTLAND have made two changes from the side which beat Tonga for the third and final pool D match against France in Pretoria on Saturday, one which will determine who wins the group and therefore almost certainly avoids New Zealand in the quarter-finals. The incentive could not be greater.

Graham Shiel comes in at inside centre in place of the unfortunate Ian Jardine, whose lack of match practice since his injury counted against him, while Bryan Redpath, Shiel's Melrose colleague, is recalled at scrum half, with Derrick Patterson making way after an indifferent performance against Tonga.

Duncan Paterson, the team manager, said the selected was Scotland's first-choice side and one he was confident could repeat the historic victory achieved in Paris during the five nations' championship by winning at Loftus Versfeld.

"Even though France are ranked above us in world terms, if we get it right we believe we can win and then go further — although we will have to improve," he said. The Scottish management is not, however, reading too much into the lacklustre opening two performances by France. "They don't fool anybody. Like us, they've been keen to get the first two games out of the way. We are into the real stuff now. It's virtually knockout games from here-on in."

Shiel's inclusion suggests Scotland will opt for a more expansive approach against the French than that adopted against the physical Tongans. Paterson, however, refused to comment on tactics.

In the absence of the injured Gregor Townsend, Shiel is being cast in the role of playmaker which may be asking a lot of a man notoriously short of self confidence but whose performances in recent months have shown he has the ability to succeed at this level. His return and that of Redpath cement the Melrose midfield trio together again, and Craig Chalmers, for one, will be delighted.

The continued inclusion of Scott Hastings is as surprising as it is welcome. Only a week ago the hugely experienced Watsonians player was considered the fourth choice centre, having been the only one not picked in his favoured position during the tour of Spain. Before the Tongan game he said he was glad to be given the opportunity to stake a claim for further international appearances — and having emphatically proved a point, he wins his 56th cap against Tonga.

Scotland emerged without serious injury from the often brutal confrontation with Tonga, although several players, among them Peter Wright, are nursing minor knocks, so much so that a planned full scrummaging session against Northern Transvaal has sensibly been put back until this afternoon.

The match did, however, provide a thorough examination of the fitness of Damian Cronin, whose first full game it was for four months, and of Kenny Milne, the Heriots hooker, who has found himself on the sidelines recently due to a virus.

Both players passed with flying colours and are vital to the Scottish cause in a team which shows just the two changes at centre from the one which won at Parc des Princes in February.

In contrast France, whose morale is reportedly at an all time low, have made three changes from that match and six from the side which won unconvincingly against the Ivory Coast. Worryingly for Scotland, however, is that the team they will face on Saturday is that which twice beat the All Blacks in New Zealand.

SCOTLAND: G Hastings; C Joiner, S Hastings, G Shiel, K Logan; C Chalmers, B Redpath; D Hilton, K Milne, P Wright, R Wainwright, D Cronin, D Wyllie, I Morrison, E Peters. Replacements: T Stanger, I Jardine, D Paterson, S Campbell, P Burnell, K McKenzie.

FRANCE: J-L Sadourny; E N'Tamack, P Sella, T Lacroix, P Sant-Andre, C Deylaud, G Accoceberry; L Benetsch, J-M Gonzales, C Califano, A Benazzi, O Merle, O Roumat, L Cabannes, P Benetton. Replacements: F Mesnel, Y Delaigue, A Hueber, M Cecillon, P Gallart, L Armary.

Clubs accept Intertoto places

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR have been thrown a European lifeline after deciding to enter the Intertoto Cup, the much-maligned summer competition that offers the prize of a place in the Uefa Cup next season. Wimbledon and Sheffield Wednesday have also accepted their invitations — or were they told to? — as the pre-tournament negotiations reached a farcical conclusion yesterday.

With the threat of a £150,000 fine hanging over its head if it did not find three entrants, the FA Premier League, which governs the FA Carling Premiership, announced it had struck gold. "All three clubs have made it clear they will be entering the competition in a positive frame of mind," Mike Lee, a Premier League spokesman, said. What emerged, however, was clearly a last-minute compromise that spared the Premier League, and the Football Association, the embarrassment of having to tell Uefa, the sport's European governing body, that nobody was interested. Wimbledon, for example, are likely to "borrow" players from other clubs and also play away from Selhurst Park, which is having its pitch dug up during the close season.

Tottenham, who missed a Uefa Cup place when they finished seventh in the Premiership, were equally unwilling to compete until they were given certain guarantees. They, too, will mix and match youngsters with fringe first-teamers and are unlikely to play at White Hart Lane.

The Intertoto Cup is the brainchild of Uefa and, not surprisingly, is one that will generate substantial revenue through television fees. The Premier League clubs agreed to its concept in January, but grew increasingly cool on the idea as the hectic domestic season drew to a close.

England were allocated three of the 60 places, from which the semi-finalists will qualify for the preliminary round of the Uefa Cup in August. However, they face a weary summer schedule with the possibility of criss-crossing Europe during the group matches, which run from June 24 or 25 to July 22 or 23.

Could the sudden late change of heart from Tottenham, Wimbledon and Wednesday have had anything to do with financial help from the Premier League? "I cannot comment on that," Lee said, "but we will ensure they will not be out of pocket."

Gullit sweeps up Chelsea riches

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WITH Jürgen Klinsmann barely back in his beloved Germany, English football secured a highly satisfactory, high-profile replacement yesterday when Ruud Gullit, the former Holland forward, fell for the lure of the FA Carling Premiership. Not with Tottenham Hotspur, where Klinsmann loved them and left them after one year, but across London with Chelsea, the beaten semi-finalists in the Cup Winners' Cup.

Gullit, 32, is also entering the twilight of an illustrious career, and the more cynical observers might suggest that his contribution could be less than wholehearted. Knee injuries have plagued him in recent seasons and, as a final big pay-day beckons, Stamford Bridge is as good a farewell venue as anywhere in Europe.

That Gullit will be reimbursed substantially is not in question. Though a free agent, after being released by Sampdoria, of Italy, his two-year deal is worth £1.5 million, and he will receive an estimated £15,000 a week. Increased season-ticket sales and the financial assistance of Matthew Harding, the wealthy Chelsea director, should cover the costs comfortably.

What clinched the move, however, was Gullit's admiration for Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, and their agreement that Gullit would be used as a sweeper, a position he preferred in his early days. He will, in effect, replace Hoddle, who has retired from playing to concentrate on his managerial duties.

"This is where I want to play," Gullit, who scored 16 goals in 66 appearances for Holland, said. "I can control the pace of the game from there and I am not afraid of the competitiveness of English football. There are no worries about my fitness. After eight years in Italian football, where I won everything I wanted to, Chelsea have offered me a new and exciting challenge."

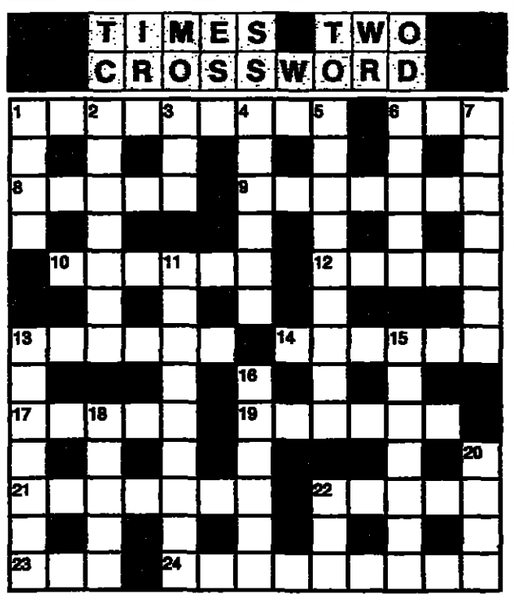


Gullit: no worries

Hoddle spoke with Gullit in Italy last Friday before going on holiday to Florida. Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea managing director, was left to complete the signing. "Ruud was always Glenn's first choice this summer," he said. "We are delighted to have got him."

Gullit was captain of Holland when they won the European championship in 1988, and he collected two European Cup-winners' medals with AC Milan. Though he is no longer in his pomp, and will fill a less spectacular on-field role, Chelsea have invested wisely. The Premiership, too, will be a better place as the influx of continental talent continues.

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1 Capital; college head (9)
6 Clothes hung on, bought off it (3)
8 Aroma (5)
9 Law-and-order breakdown (3,4)
10 Gentle walk (6)
12 Ward off (5)
13 Fade; plunge (veg) in boiling water (6)
14 Spring term (law, Oxford) (6)
17 Sing, Alpine fashion (5)
19 Beam over door (6)
21 The outdoors (4,3)
22 Well done! (5)
23 Speck, point (3)
24 Precision (9)

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1 Thrust (away) (4)
2 Resistance to movement (7)
3 Whip; pet (3)
4 Richardson epistolary novel (6)
5 Manager of book collection (9)
6 Very prim person (5)
7 To a major extent (7)
11 Swing to and fro (9)
13 Man's young days (7)
15 Normal (7)
16 Doxology; umbrella fabric (6)
18 Resided (5)
20 Chief; stud (4)
22 Wager (3)

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